

## 3A Children's services — attachment

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Table 3A.1

**Table 3A.1 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services, children aged 0–12 (per cent) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds (c)									
Representation in child care services									
1999	15.3	12.2	6.2	7.7	6.0	2.2	10.6	7.5	10.7
2000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2002 (d)	16.3	12.3	5.9	7.2	6.4	2.4	11.0	6.3	10.8
2004 (d)	17.4	13.5	6.3	7.9	6.9	3.4	12.1	8.1	11.6
2006 (e)	17.0	12.8	5.1	6.4	8.0	2.5	9.7	8.5	10.9
Representation in the community (f)	23.2	21.7	11.9	15.5	13.7	7.2	16.2	36.8	18.8
Indigenous children (g)									
Representation in child care services									
1999	1.4	0.6	2.1	2.1	1.2	0.7	0.8	10.4	1.5
2000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2002 (d)	1.5	0.5	2.7	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.7	9.8	1.7
2004 (d)	1.6	0.6	2.5	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.7	10.7	1.6
2006 (e)	1.6	0.7	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.4	0.7	11.1	1.7
Representation in the community (f)	4.1	1.2	6.2	5.6	3.3	6.5	2.3	39.2	4.4
Children from low-income families (h)									
Representation in child care services									
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2002 (d)	29.1	29.0	35.2	34.3	35.4	33.6	13.7	19.1	31.2
2004 (d)	28.0	28.3	33.8	32.6	33.0	31.5	12.4	18.8	29.9
2006 (e)	25.2	26.5	28.6	27.6	29.3	29.1	10.4	17.5	26.6
Representation in the community (i)	27.2	27.0	28.9	25.3	30.3	34.2	9.4	13.2	27.3
Children with a disability (j)									
Representation in child care services									
1999	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	3.9	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.3
2000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2002 (d)	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.6	3.3	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.3
2004 (d)	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.1
2006 (e)	3.1	2.4	2.2	2.5	3.8	2.3	1.8	3.7	2.7
Representation in the community	8.0	6.8	7.6	8.9	8.8	6.2	7.5	np	7.7
Children from regional and remote areas									
Regional									
Representation in child care services									
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2002 (d)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2004 (d)	25.9	22.5	38.9	18.2	16.2	99.6	–	74.0	28.8
2006 (e)	25.6	25.0	36.6	18.9	17.9	99.4	0.1	77.3	29.0

Table 3A.1

**Table 3A.1 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services, children aged 0–12 (per cent) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation in the community (f)	28.9	28.2	45.9	24.8	26.7	97.9	0.2	51.4	33.1
Remote									
Representation in child care services									
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2002 (d)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2004 (d)	0.4	0.1	1.6	5.0	2.0	0.4	..	26.0	1.4
2006 (e)	0.3	–	1.3	3.7	2.0	0.6	..	22.7	1.1
Representation in the community (f)	0.7	0.1	4.4	8.6	4.4	2.0	..	50.7	3.0

- (a) Data weighted from the Australian Government Census of Child Care Services (AGCCCS). In the 2008 Report, numbers are based on final data from the 2006 AGCCCS and differ from the preliminary numbers published in the 2007 Report.
- (b) There may be double counting of children where a child attends more than one child care service.
- (c) Children from non-English speaking backgrounds' are defined in the AGCCCS as children who speak, or whose parent/guardian speak a language other than English at home. The 'representation in the community' data refer to the proportion of children who do not speak English as their main language at home.
- (d) Data exclude children from multifunctional aboriginal children's services, multifunctional children's services, Aboriginal playgroups and enrichment programs and mobile and toy library services.
- (e) Excludes Aboriginal playgroups and enrichment programs.
- (f) Data for representation in the community are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing, except for 'children from low-income families' and 'children with a disability'.
- (g) 'Indigenous children' in the AGCCCS as children who child care services identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. The 'representation in the community data' refer to children of an Indigenous descent who identify as being Indigenous.
- (h) Data relate to children aged 0-12 years from families with a gross annual parental income of less than \$33 361 (the cut-off point for receiving the maximum amount of child care benefits as at May 2006).
- (i) The data showing representation children from low income families in the community were obtained from the ABS 2005-06 Survey of Income and Housing Costs. Data in italics have relative standard errors above 25 per cent, and need to be used with caution.
- (j) 'Children with a disability' are defined in the AGCCCS as children who child care services identify as having a continuing disability including intellectual, sensory or physical impairment. The 'representation in the community' data refer to children with any limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. These data were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the small sample size, data for the NT are not published.

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

Source: FaCSIA, *Australian Government Census of Child Care Services* (unpublished); ABS 2006 *Census of Population and Housing* (unpublished); ABS *Survey of Income and Housing Costs 2005-06* (unpublished), ABS *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2003* (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.20.

Table 3A.2

**Table 3A.2 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services (per cent), by age group, 2006 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds (e)										
Children aged 0–5 in child care services	%	17.9	14.3	5.8	7.5	9.2	2.9	11.8	9.6	12.1
Children aged 0–5 in the community	%	24.6	23.2	12.8	16.8	14.8	8.1	17.8	37.0	20.1
Children aged 6–12 in child care services	%	14.6	10.5	3.9	3.9	6.7	1.7	6.5	6.8	8.5
Children aged 6–12 in the community	%	22.1	20.5	11.2	14.5	12.8	6.5	14.9	36.5	17.7
Indigenous children (f)										
Children aged 0–5 in child care services	%	1.7	0.7	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.4	0.8	10.6	1.8
Children aged 0–5 in the community (g)	%	4.1	1.2	6.4	5.6	3.4	6.6	2.2	38.9	4.4
Children aged 6–12 in child care services	%	1.2	0.6	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.5	0.6	11.9	1.6
Children aged 6–12 in the community (g)	%	4.1	1.2	6.1	5.5	3.3	6.4	2.3	39.4	4.3
Children from low-income families (h)										
Children aged 0–5 in child care services	%	26.3	26.6	29.3	26.8	27.8	29.8	11.2	17.6	26.9
Children aged 0–5 in the community (i)	%	23.9	27.2	29.0	27.7	25.8	32.7	7.7	np	26.1
Children aged 6–12 in child care services	%	22.3	26.4	27.3	29.5	30.9	27.5	9.1	17.3	25.9
Children aged 6–12 in the community (i)	%	29.9	26.8	28.8	23.5	34.1	35.3	10.7	np	28.2
Children with a disability										
Children aged 0–5 in child care services	%	3.2	2.0	1.8	2.0	3.2	2.3	1.7	3.2	2.5
Children aged 0–5 in the community (j)	%	4.7	4.6	5.1	6.0	7.0	4.4	9.1	np	5.2
Children aged 6–12 in child care services	%	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.6	4.3	2.4	2.1	4.6	3.2
Children aged 6–12 in the community (j)	%	10.7	8.5	9.5	11.4	10.2	7.7	6.2	np	9.8
Children from regional areas (k)										
Children aged 0–5 in child care services	%	27.5	28.1	38.0	20.5	20.8	99.1	0.2	73.9	30.9
Children aged 0–5 in the community	%	27.1	26.5	44.6	23.9	25.8	98.0	0.1	50.9	31.6
Children aged 6–12 in child care services	%	20.5	19.9	34.0	15.0	14.8	100.0	–	82.5	25.1
Children aged 6–12 in the community	%	30.3	29.7	47.1	25.5	27.4	97.8	0.3	51.9	34.3

Table 3A.2

**Table 3A.2 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services (per cent), by age group, 2006 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Children from remote areas (l)										
Children aged 0–5 in child care services	%	0.4	na	1.4	4.2	2.6	0.9	..	26.1	1.3
Children aged 0–5 in the community	%	0.7	0.1	4.6	8.9	4.3	2.0	..	50.6	3.1
Children aged 6–12 in child care services	%	0.1	na	1.1	2.5	1.4	–	..	17.4	0.9
Children aged 6–12 in the community	%	0.7	0.1	4.3	8.4	4.4	2.1	..	50.7	3.0

(a) Data for representation in child care services are estimated and weighted from the Australian Government Census of Child Care Services (AGCCCS).

(b) Data for representation in the community are estimated from the ABS 2006 *Census of Population and Housing*, except for 'children from low-income families' and 'children with a disability'.

(c) There may be double counting of children where a child attends more than one child care service.

(d) AGCCCS data exclude Aboriginal playgroups and enrichment programs.

(e) 'Children from non-English speaking backgrounds' are defined in the AGCCCS as children who speak, or whose parent(s)/guardian(s) speak a language other than English at home. The 'representation in the community' data refer to the proportion of children who do not speak English as their main language at home.

(f) 'Indigenous children' in the AGCCCS as children who child care services identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. The 'representation in the community data' refer to children of an Indigenous descent who identify as being Indigenous.

(g) The ABS Census Post Enumeration Survey has estimated an undercount of Indigenous people in the 2006 Census, and the estimates of the proportional representation in the community of Indigenous children should be treated with caution.

(h) Data relate to children from families with a gross annual household income of less than \$33 361 (the cut-off point for receiving the maximum amount of child care benefits as at May 2006).

(i) Data on 'children from low-income families' in the community were obtained from the ABS 2005-06 Survey of Income and Housing Costs. Data in italics have relative standard errors above 25 per cent, and need to be used with caution.

(j) 'Children with a disability' are defined in the AGCCCS as children who child care services identify as having a continuing disability including intellectual, sensory or physical impairment. The 'representation in the community' data refer to children with any limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. These data were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the small sample size, data for the NT are not published. Data in italics have relative standard errors above 25 per cent, and need to be used with caution.

Table 3A.2

**Table 3A.2 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services (per cent), by age group, 2006 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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(k) The data include Inner Regional and Outer Regional areas of Australia.

(l) The data include Remote and Very Remote areas of Australia.

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

**Source:** FaCSIA, *Australian Government Census of Child Care Services* (unpublished); ABS 2006 *Census of Population and Housing* (unpublished); ABS *Survey of Income and Housing Costs 2005-06* (unpublished); ABS *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2003* (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.21.

Table 3A.3

Table 3A.3 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, New South Wales

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service (a), (b), (c)										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	301	69.0	298	68.8	301	69.2	299	69.5	300	70.4
Family day care	18	16.2	19	17.4	21	19.4	23	21.3	26	24.1
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care (d)	27	31.0	20	24.4	25	33.8	20	27.0	21	30.0
'Other' care	7	36.8	7	33.3	8	38.1	5	26.3	5	23.8
<b>All services providers</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>40.3</b>
Preschools (e)										
All preschools	536	67.9	544	70.1	544	70.6	548	71.9	577	67.5
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services (f)	9 937	9.1	9 825	9.0	10 904	10.1	12 092	11.6	11 574	10.9
Preschool services (g)	4 171	6.5	4 202	6.6	4 672	7.4	4 997	8.2	6 399	9.8
The general community (h)	170 955	15.0	170 955	15.0	170 955	15.0	170 955	15.0	259 780	23.2
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services (f)	3 010	2.8	3 561	3.3	2 877	2.7	2 939	2.8	3 161	3.0
Preschool services (g)	1 848	2.9	1 930	3.0	1 824	2.9	1 912	3.1	2 384	3.6
The general community (h)	53 701	4.1	53 701	4.1	47 258	4.2	47 258	4.2	45 973	4.1
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services (f)	5 999	5.5	5 935	5.4	5 465	5.0	5 442	5.2	5 429	5.1
Preschool services (g)	4 382	6.8	4 381	6.8	4 041	6.4	3 993	6.5	4 079	6.2



Table 3A.3

Table 3A.3 **Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, New South Wales**

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
The general community (h)	89 728	8.0	89 728	8.0	89 728	8.0	89 728	8.0	89 728	8.0
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services (f)	..	..	29 546	27.0	26 053	24.1	28 203	27.0	28 134	26.6
Preschool services (g)	..	..	20 657	32.2	18 188	29.0	19 926	32.6	20 149	30.8
The general community (h)	..	..	..	..	327 671	28.9	327 671	28.9	322 922	28.9
Remote										
Child care services (f)	..	..	1 093	1.0	1 201	1.1	1 011	1.0	1 062	1.0
Preschool services (g)	..	..	764	1.2	875	1.4	723	1.2	829	1.3
The general community (h)	..	..	..	..	9 299	0.8	9 299	0.8	8 273	0.7

- (a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.
- (b) Centre-based long day care services, family day care and other care services providing non-standard hours which involve service providers offering more than 10 hours on a selected day of the week.
- (c) For all years, a Wednesday was chosen as the reference period for determining non-standard hours.
- (d) Occasional care service providers offering non-standard hours which involve service provider offering more than 8 hours on a selected day of the week (Wednesday).
- (e) Preschool services include only designated preschool services providing non-standard hours which involve service providers offering more than 6 hours on a selected day of the week (Wednesday).
- (f) As NSW does not discriminate between child care and preschool services, special needs children counted in child care services includes the count of children accessing designated preschool services.
- (g) In 2006-07, data on special needs children in preschools include information from from DoCS and DET for the first time.

Table 3A.3

**Table 3A.3 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, New South Wales**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(h)	Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for 'children with a disability' are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.				
	<b>na</b> Not available. .. Not applicable.				
Source:	Department of Community Services, NSW Department of Education (unpublished); ABS 2006 <i>Census of Population and Housing</i> (unpublished); ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (unpublished); ABS Estimated Resident Population Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.37.				

Table 3A.4

Table 3A.4 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Victoria (a), (b)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>All services providers</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>na</b>
Preschools (c)										
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services (c)	269	18.5	269	15.6	335	16.0	338	16.0	394	22.0
Preschool services (d)	7 682	12.7	8 074	13.5	8 024	13.6	7 790	13.3	9 721	16.4
The general community (e)	115 616	14.2	115 616	14.2	115 616	14.2	115 616	14.2	177 501	21.7
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services (c)	3	0.2	10	0.6	6	0.3	8	0.5	11	0.6
Preschool services (d)	519	0.9	534	0.9	465	0.8	529	0.9	504	0.8
The general community (e)	10 763	1.1	10 763	1.1	9 346	1.1	9 346	1.1	9 603	1.2
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services (f)	25	1.7	48	2.8	55	2.6	39	2.4	63	3.5
Preschool services (d), (g)	2 608	4.3	2 242	3.7	5 188	8.8	5 951	10.2	3 426	5.8
The general community (e)	56 175	6.8	56 175	6.8	56 175	6.8	56 175	6.8	56 175	6.8
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Table 3A.4

Table 3A.4 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Victoria (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07				
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:									
Regional									
Child care services	..	na	..	na	na				
Preschool services (d)	..	17 588	29.3	18 817	31.8	18 524	31.7	19 652	33.1
The general community (e)	..	..	..	234 170	28.4	234 170	28.4	230 948	28.2
Remote									
Child care services	..	na	..	na	..	na	na	na	na
Preschool services (d)	..	77	0.1	69	0.1	94	0.2	149	0.3
The general community (e)	..	..	..	882	0.1	882	0.1	793	0.1

(a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(b) Victoria does not collect data on non-standard hours of care.

(c) Data refer to State funded ACFE services only, and are based on a low response rate of around 50 per cent. Victoria does not report on 542 TAB EFTS.

(d) Data refer to the number of children attending State funded kindergarten services, including those operating in centre-based long day care services.

(e) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for "children with a disability" are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

(f) Data for 2005-06 refer to children attending funded kindergarten who had a developmental delay or disability. The State Government supports access and participation of approximately 9 per cent of the eligible 4-year-old children, with additional needs and developmental delay in State funded kindergarten programs, through 5477 packages of service through the Preschool Field Officer Program. In addition, 574 packages will be provided to support children with a severe disability.

(g) Data refers to children identified as having additional needs by the kindergarten staff. Data for 2007 does not include children supported by the Preschool Filed Officer Program or the Kindergarten Inclusion Support Service.

na Not available... Not applicable.

Table 3A.4

**Table 3A.4 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Victoria (a), (b)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
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Source: DHS (unpublished); ABS 2006 *Census of Population and Housing* (unpublished); ABS 2001 *Census of Population and Housing* (unpublished); ABS *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009* (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers* (unpublished); ABS *Estimated Resident Population Collection* (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.45.

Table 3A.5

Table 3A.5 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Queensland (a), (b)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service (c), (d)										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Family day care	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacation care	3	7.5	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Occasional care	9	12.9	na	na	4	7.5	2	3.8	3	6.0
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	—	—	1	1.8	—	—
<b>All services providers</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Preschools										
All preschools	11	1.0	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	140	5.3	125	8.9	139	8.4	235	11.6	170	11.0
Preschool services (e)	616	1.0	592	1.0	639	1.0	1 799	2.8	993	1.6
The general community (f)	32 603	4.9	32 603	4.9	32 603	4.9	32 603	4.9	82 731	11.9
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	364	13.7	195	13.8	349	21.1	414	20.5	308	19.9
Preschool services	3 286	5.4	3 469	5.6	3 454	5.6	3 894	6.1	3 858	6.1
The general community (f)	50 153	6.6	50 153	6.6	45 506	6.6	45 506	6.6	43 060	6.2
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	150	5.6	28	2.0	39	2.4	60	3.0	74	4.8
Preschool services (g)	602	1.0	888	1.4	820	1.3	1 295	2.0	1 449	2.3
The general community (f)	51 528	7.6	51 528	7.6	51 528	7.6	51 528	7.6	51 528	7.6

Table 3A.5

Table 3A.5 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Queensland (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07				
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:									
Regional									
Child care services	..	674	47.7	751	45.5	796	39.4	538	34.7
Preschool services	..	na	..	31 090	50.2	32 313	50.7	30 762	48.3
The general community (f)	..	..	..	312 644	45.2	312 644	45.2	318 365	45.9
Remote									
Child care services	..	386	27.3	408	24.7	547	27.1	575	37.1
Preschool services	..	na	..	5 243	8.5	5 232	8.2	5 244	8.2
The general community (f)	..	..	..	31 142	4.5	31 142	4.5	30 770	4.4

(a) Services not included in the AGCCCS.

(b) Historical data need to be used with caution. See previous reports for response rates in other years.

(c) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(d) Child Care data are based on an annual census, and response rates are variable by service type and over time. Data for 2006-07 are based on response rates as follows: occasional care 92.0 per cent, vacation care 38.9 per cent and other 18.9 per cent. See previous reports for response rates in other years.

(e) Excludes State preschools.

(f) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for "children with a disability" are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

(g) State preschool students with disabilities are those students ascertained at levels 4, 5 and 6 (that is, only the highest level of disability).

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

Table 3A.5

**Table 3A.5 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Queensland (a), (b)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
<i>Source:</i>	Queensland Department of Communities; Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts; Creche and Kindergarten Association of Queensland (unpublished); ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (unpublished); ABS Estimated Resident Population Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.53.				



Table 3A.6

Table 3A.6 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Western Australia (a)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>All services providers</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>na</b>
Preschools										
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (b)	24 398	7.2	24 398	7.2	24 398	7.2	24 398	7.2	52 871	15.5
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services (c), (d)	1 580	8.5	2 180	8.7	2 282	8.9	2 523	9.6	2 322	9.1
The general community (b)	25 561	6.5	25 561	6.5	22 461	6.6	22 461	6.6	18 904	5.6

Table 3A.6

Table 3A.6 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Western Australia (a)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Representation of children with disabilities in:					
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services (c), (d)	426	624	793	741	692
The general community (b)	29 922	29 922	29 922	29 922	29 922
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:					
Regional					
Child care services	..	na	na	na	na
Preschool services (e)	..	5 875	6 214	6 113	7 525
The general community (b)	..	..	83 887	83 887	84 285
Remote					
Child care services	..	na	na	na	na
Preschool services (e)	..	2 488	989	2 576	2 338
The general community (b)	..	..	29 714	29 714	29 373

(a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(b) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for 'children with a disability' are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

(c) Data from 2003-04 includes the non-government sector.

(d) Assumes the same ratio of disabled students and Indigenous students in the non govt system as in the government system.

(e) Government and non-government schools with kindergarten students as at August 2004.

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

Table 3A.6

**Table 3A.6 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Western Australia (a)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Source:	WA Department of Education and Training (unpublished); ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (unpublished); ABS Estimated Resident Population Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.61.				

Table 3A.7

Table 3A.7 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, South Australia (a)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>All services providers</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>na</b>
Preschools (b)										
All preschools	312	70.0	315	70.9	328	73.4	341	76.1	352	78.7
Participation by target groups in children's services (c)										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	300	11.6	310	11.2	310	11.2	270	11.2	250	9.8
Preschool services	2 010	9.1	2 050	9.3	2 010	9.5	1 980	9.3	2 180	10.3
The general community (d)	18 569	7.5	18 569	7.5	18 569	7.5	18 569	7.5	32 876	13.7
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	160	6.2	150	5.4	150	5.4	120	4.4	100	3.9
Preschool services	1 190	5.4	1 200	5.5	1 170	5.5	1 210	5.7	1 240	5.9
The general community (d)	9 753	3.4	9 753	3.4	8 565	3.5	8 565	3.5	8 035	3.3
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	390	15.1	400	14.4	420	15.1	390	14.3	360	14.1
Preschool services	3 140	14.2	3 150	14.3	3 390	16.0	3 250	15.2	3 200	15.1
The general community (d)	21 410	8.8	21 410	8.8	21 410	8.8	21 410	8.8	21 410	8.8

Table 3A.7

Table 3A.7 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, South Australia (a)

Representation of children from regional/remote areas:	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
<b>Regional</b>										
Child care services	..	..	530	19.1	640	23.0	590	21.7	620	24.2
Preschool services	..	..	6 410	29.1	6 020	28.4	6 190	28.9	5 920	28.0
The general community (d)	..	..	..	..	65 053	26.8	65 053	26.8	64 083	26.7
<b>Remote</b>										
Child care services	..	..	190	6.9	320	11.5	230	8.5	190	7.4
Preschool services	..	..	1 250	5.7	1 240	5.9	1 240	5.8	1 190	5.6
The general community (d)	..	..	..	..	11 178	4.6	11 178	4.6	10 548	4.4

(a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(b) Preschools are encouraged to offer back-to-back preschool services to assist parents in country locations who would otherwise be unable to access preschool. The take-up rate is most significant in country locations where to limit access to one session per day over four days per week would make it impractical for children who travel long distances. In these situations children generally access their preschool entitlement of four sessions over two days as opposed to the usual four half days.

(c) The number of children in special needs categories are estimates only.

(d) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for 'children with a disability' are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

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

Source: SA Department of Education and Children's Services; ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (unpublished); ABS Estimated Resident Population Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.69.

Table 3A.8

Table 3A.8 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Tasmania (a)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	..	..	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	—	—	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—
Before school hours care	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	4	10.3	3	9.1	2	7.1	2	7.4	2	8.3
'Other' care	..	na	..	na	..	na	—	na	—	na
<b>All services providers</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Preschools										
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	9	0.7	10	0.9	7	0.8	7	0.9	8	1.1
Preschool services (b)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (c)	1 402	1.7	1 402	1.7	1 402	1.7	1 402	1.7	5 804	7.2
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	23	1.8	21	1.8	16	1.8	26	3.3	19	2.5
Preschool services (b)	243	4.1	324	5.3	328	5.2	337	5.5	285	4.8
The general community (c)	6 852	7.0	6 852	7.0	5 871	7.1	5 871	7.1	5 202	6.5
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	14	1.1	16	1.4	17	1.9	16	2.1	14	1.9
Preschool services (b)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (c)	5 127	6.2	5 127	6.2	5 127	6.2	5 127	6.2	5 127	6.2

Table 3A.8

Table 3A.8 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Tasmania (a)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	1 109	94.4	840	93.0	573	73.6	719	95.6
Preschool services	..	..	6 069	98.6	6 206	98.1	6 054	98.2	5 903	98.5
The general community (c)	..	..	..	..	80 752	97.8	80 752	97.8	78 883	97.9
Remote										
Child care services	..	..	66	5.6	63	7.0	149	19.1	24	3.2
Preschool services	..	..	89	1.4	119	1.9	111	1.8	91	1.5
The general community (c)	..	..	..	..	1 845	2.2	1 845	2.2	1 652	2.0

(a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(b) Data is for government preschools only.

(c) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for 'children with a disability' are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

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

Source: Tasmanian Department of Education (unpublished); ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (unpublished); ABS Estimated Resident Population Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.77.

Table 3A.9

Table 3A.9 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service (c)										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	12	100.0	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>All services providers</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>na</b>
Preschools										
All preschools	—	—	—	—	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	185	13.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	342	9.3	276	7.5	336	9.3	357	10.1	523	14.7
The general community (c)	5 393	9.5	5 393	9.5	5 393	9.5	5 393	9.5	8 625	16.2
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	9	0.7	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	96	2.6	108	2.9	111	3.1	108	3.1	106	3.0
The general community (c)	1 490	2.3	1 490	2.3	1 419	2.6	1 419	2.6	1 215	2.3
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	19	1.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	151	4.1	171	4.6	188	5.2	153	4.3	149	4.2



Table 3A.9

Table 3A.9 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
The general community (c)	4 178	7.5	4 178	7.5	4 178	7.5	4 178	7.5	4 178	7.5
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	na	..	na	..	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	..	..	35	0.9	37	1.0	35	1.0	37	1.0
The general community (c)	..	..	..	..	100	0.2	100	0.2	109	0.2
Remote (d)										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
The general community	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(b) During 2003, services funded to provide casual, permanent part time and emergency early childhood places were approved for child care benefit and will therefore be reported as a part of the Australian Government data.

(c) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for 'children with a disability' are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

(d) In the ACT there are no regions classified as remote.

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

Table 3A.9

**Table 3A.9 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%

Source: ACT Department of Education and Training and Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (unpublished); ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (unpublished); ABS Estimated Resident Population Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.85.

Table 3A.10

Table 3A.10 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Northern Territory (a)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>All services providers</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>na</b>
Preschools										
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (b)	10 903	25.3	10 903	25.3	10 903	25.3	10 903	25.3	15 229	36.8
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	1 323	39.8	1 407	43.1	1 403	41.2	1 414	42.5	1 378	42.1
The general community (b)	20 349	41.4	20 349	41.4	17 995	40.9	17 995	40.9	16 227	39.2
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	169	5.1	191	5.9	na	na	279	8.4	222	6.8
The general community (b)	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np

Table 3A.10

Table 3A.10 Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Northern Territory (a)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:					
Regional					
Child care services	..	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	..	1 446	44.3	1 461	42.9
The general community (b)	..	..	21 755	49.5	21 755
Remote					
Child care services	..	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	..	1 815	55.7	1 947	57.1
The general community (b)	..	..	22 217	50.5	22 217

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(b) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2006-07, all data except for 'children with a disability' are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability between 2002-03 and 2006-07 were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the small sample size of this survey in the NT, results were withheld. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

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

Source: NT Department of Health and Community Services and NT Department of Employment, Education and Training (unpublished); ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing (unpublished); ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (unpublished); ABS Estimated Resident Population Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 3A.93.