
15 Protection and support services

Protection and support services aim to assist individuals and families who are in crisis or experiencing difficulties that hinder personal or family functioning. These services assist by alleviating the difficulties and reducing the potential for their recurrence.

This chapter reports on:

- *child protection services*: the functions of government that receive and assess allegations of child abuse and neglect, and/or harm to children and young people, provide and refer clients to family support and other relevant services, and intervene to protect children
- *out-of-home care services*: care for children placed away from their parents for protective or other family welfare reasons
- *juvenile justice services*: services that aim to promote community safety and reduce youth offending by assisting young people to address their offending behaviour
- *supported accommodation and assistance services*: services to assist young people, adults and families who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. (Only limited updated data were available for this section for this Report).

Indigenous data in the protection and support services chapter

The protection and support services chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- children who were the subject of a substantiation (number and rate per 1000 children), 2007-08
- children who were on care and protection orders (number and rate per 1000 children), 30 June 2008
- children who were in out-of-home care (number and rate per 1000 children), 30 June 2008

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- proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, at 30 June, 2005–2008
 - proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
 - placement of Indigenous children in out-of-home care, 30 June 2008
 - average rate of detention of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people, 2006-07
 - Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2006-07 ;
 - Indigenous clients, by met and unmet support needs, 2006-07
 - Changes in labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2006-07 for all SAAP clients and Indigenous SAAP clients
 - Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2006-07
 - Accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requests assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, 2006-07 for all SAAP clients and Indigenous SAAP clients

The protection and support services attachment contains additional data relating to Indigenous people including:

- children who were the subject of notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (number and rate per 1000), 2007-08
- number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2007-08
- number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
- children who were on care and protection orders (number and rate per 1000 children) by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
- children in out-of-home care (number and rate per 1000 children) and placement type by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
- children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order (number), 30 June 2008
- children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care (number), 30 June 2008

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- children who exited care during 2007-08, by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number)
 - Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2008
 - number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender
 - daily average population of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number)
 - support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients, 2006-07
 - support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet, 2006-07
 - change in type of housing as a result of SAAP support, Indigenous clients 2006 - 07
 - Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support, 2006-07
 - Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year, 2006-07
 - source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2006-07.

Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within the protection and support services chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 15A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 15A.3 is table 3 in the protection and support services attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 15.15' this is page 15 of chapter 15 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 15A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 15A of the 2009 Report.

Child protection and out-of-home care services

Child protection services are provided to protect children and/or young people aged 0–17 years who are at risk of harm within their families, or whose families do not have the capacity to protect them.

Research suggests that children and families who come into contact with the protection and support services system often share common social and demographic characteristics. Families with low incomes or that are reliant on pensions and benefits, those that experience alcohol and substance abuse, or a psychiatric disability, and those that have a family history of domestic violence are over-represented in the families that came into contact with the protection and support services system (Department of Human Services 2002).

Child protection concerns and Indigenous communities

Studies have highlighted the high incidence of child abuse and neglect within some Indigenous communities, compared with non-Indigenous communities. Indigenous families across Australia have been found to experience high levels of violence, compared with non-Indigenous families (AIHW 2006a). ‘Little Children are Sacred’, the final report of the Northern Territory Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse (2007), identified child sexual abuse as a significant issue for many of the remote NT Aboriginal communities consulted as part of the Inquiry. The final report of the Western Australian (WA) Inquiry into Response by Government Agencies to Complaints of Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities (Gordon Report 2002), also found high levels of violence and child abuse within Aboriginal communities in WA.

Out-of-home care services

Out-of-home care services provide care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who are placed away from their parents or family home for reasons of safety or family crisis. These reasons include abuse, neglect or harm, illness of a parent and the inability of parents to provide adequate care. Placements may be voluntary or court ordered.

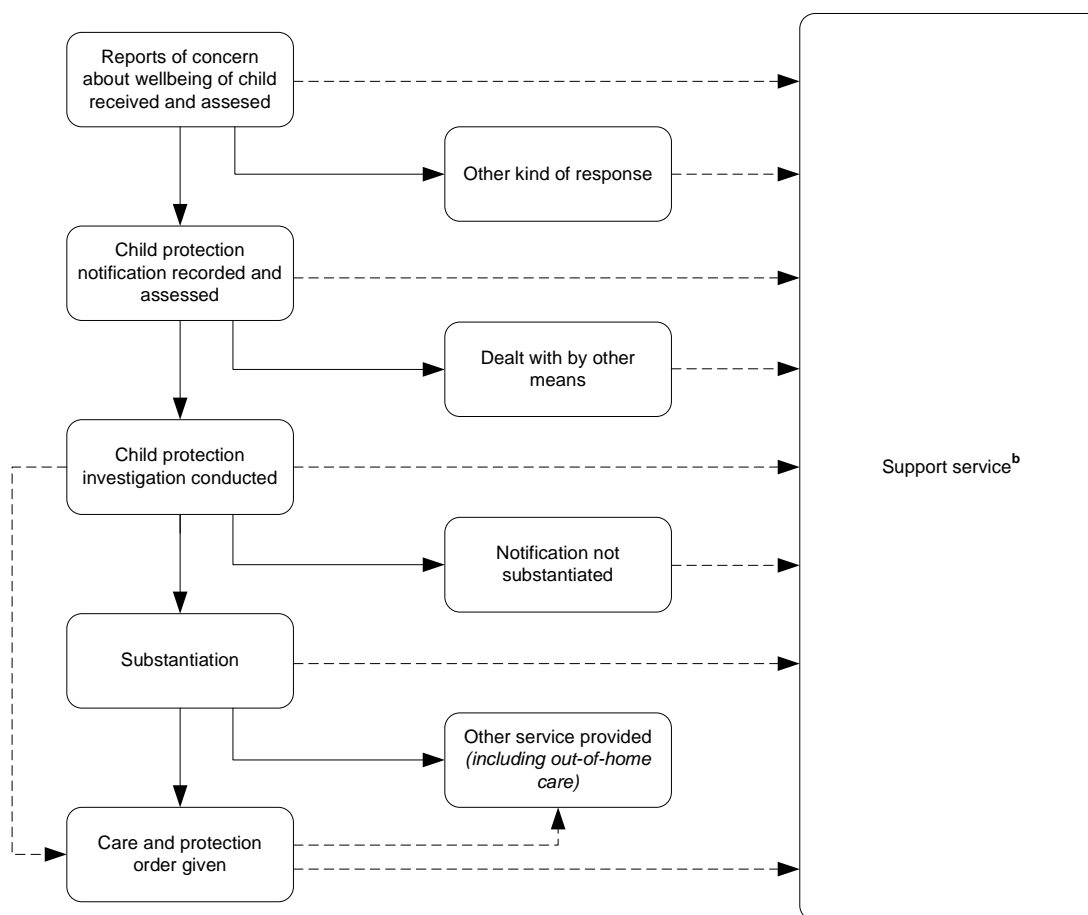
The child protection system

Child protection legislation, policies and practices vary across jurisdictions, but the broad processes employed by child protection systems are similar (figure 15.1).

State and Territory departments with responsibility for child protection are advised of concerns about the wellbeing of children through reports to these departments. Reports may be made by people mandated to report or by other members of the community. Individuals and organisations mandated to report vary across the states and territories, and may include medical practitioners, police services, school teachers and principals. Reports are assessed and classified as child protection

notifications, child concern reports, or matters requiring some other kind of response. The most common sources of notifications that result in finalised investigations in 2007-08 were school personnel, police, hospitals and other health centres (AIHW 2009).

Figure 15.1 The child protection system^a



^a Dashed lines indicate that clients may or may not receive these services, depending on need. ^b Support services include family support or family preservation services provided by departments responsible for child protection and referrals to other agencies.

Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.1, p. 15.10.

Notification

Jurisdictions count notifications at different points in the response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process. This means the number of notifications is not strictly comparable across jurisdictions.¹

¹ Child protection services, care and protection orders and out-of-home care relate to children aged 0–17 years. However, rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations, are calculated for children aged 0–16 years, given differences in jurisdictions’ legislation, policies and practices regarding children aged 17 years. Rates of children on care and protection orders and in out-of-home care are calculated for children aged 0–17 years.

All jurisdictions except Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory screen incoming reports before deciding whether they will be counted as a notification, thus reducing the proportion of reports that become notifications.

In all jurisdictions, notifications are investigated, based on the policies and practices in that jurisdiction. Once it has been decided that an investigation is required, the investigation process is similar across jurisdictions. The department responsible for child protection may obtain further information about the child and his or her family by checking information systems for any previous history, undertaking discussion/case planning with agencies and individuals, interviewing/sighting the child and/or interviewing the caregivers/parents. At a minimum, the child is sighted whenever practicable, and the child's circumstances and needs are assessed. The investigation process determines whether the notification is substantiated or not substantiated (figure 15.1).

The total number of notifications for each jurisdiction for 2007-08 (including cases where a child is the subject of more than one child protection notification) by Indigenous status of the child is reported in table 15A.1.

Data on the number of notifications are collected early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. This lack of information and the inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status mean that data on the number of notifications by Indigenous status need to be interpreted with care.

Substantiation

The criteria for substantiation vary across jurisdictions. In the past, child protection legislation and policy focused on the identification and investigation of narrowly defined incidents that were broadly grouped as types of abuse or neglect. Across all jurisdictions, the focus is now shifting away from the actions of parents and guardians, toward the desired outcomes for the child, the identification and investigation of actual and/or likely harm to the child, and the child's needs.

If an investigation results in substantiation, intervention by the relevant department may be needed to protect the child. This intervention can take a number of forms, including one or more of: referral to other services; supervision and support; an application to court; and a placement in out-of-home care.

Nationally, 7313 Indigenous and 24 602 non-Indigenous children were the subject of a substantiation in 2007-08. The rate of children who were the subject of a substantiation per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–16 years was 35.3 for Indigenous children and 5.5 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.4).

Care and protection orders

Although child protection substantiations are often resolved without the need for a court order (which is usually a last resort), recourse to a court may take place at any point in the child protection investigation process. The types of orders available vary across jurisdictions and may include guardianship or custody orders, supervisory orders, and interim and temporary orders.

Nationally, 9011 Indigenous and 25 268 non-Indigenous children were on care and protection orders at 30 June 2008. The rate of children on care and protection orders per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 41.0 for Indigenous children and 5.3 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.4).

Further information on children on care and protection orders is included in the attachment tables to this Report. Table 15A.2 identifies the number of children admitted to, and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2007-08. Table 15A.3 identifies the number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status at 30 June 2008.

Out-of-home care

Out-of-home care is one of a range of services provided to families and children where there is a need to provide safe care for a child. The services are intended to place a child in out-of-home care only if this will improve the outcome for the child and only when it is not possible to maintain the child within his or her family. If it is necessary to remove the child from his or her home, then placement with the wider family or community is sought where possible, particularly in the case of Indigenous children (AIHW 2006b). Continued emphasis is placed on improving case planning and case management processes to facilitate the safe return home of children in out-of-home care and to maximise case workers' contact time with children and families.

Nationally, 9070 Indigenous children and 22 096 non-Indigenous children were in out-of-home care at 30 June 2008. The rate of children in out-of-home care per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 41.3 for Indigenous children and 4.6 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.5).

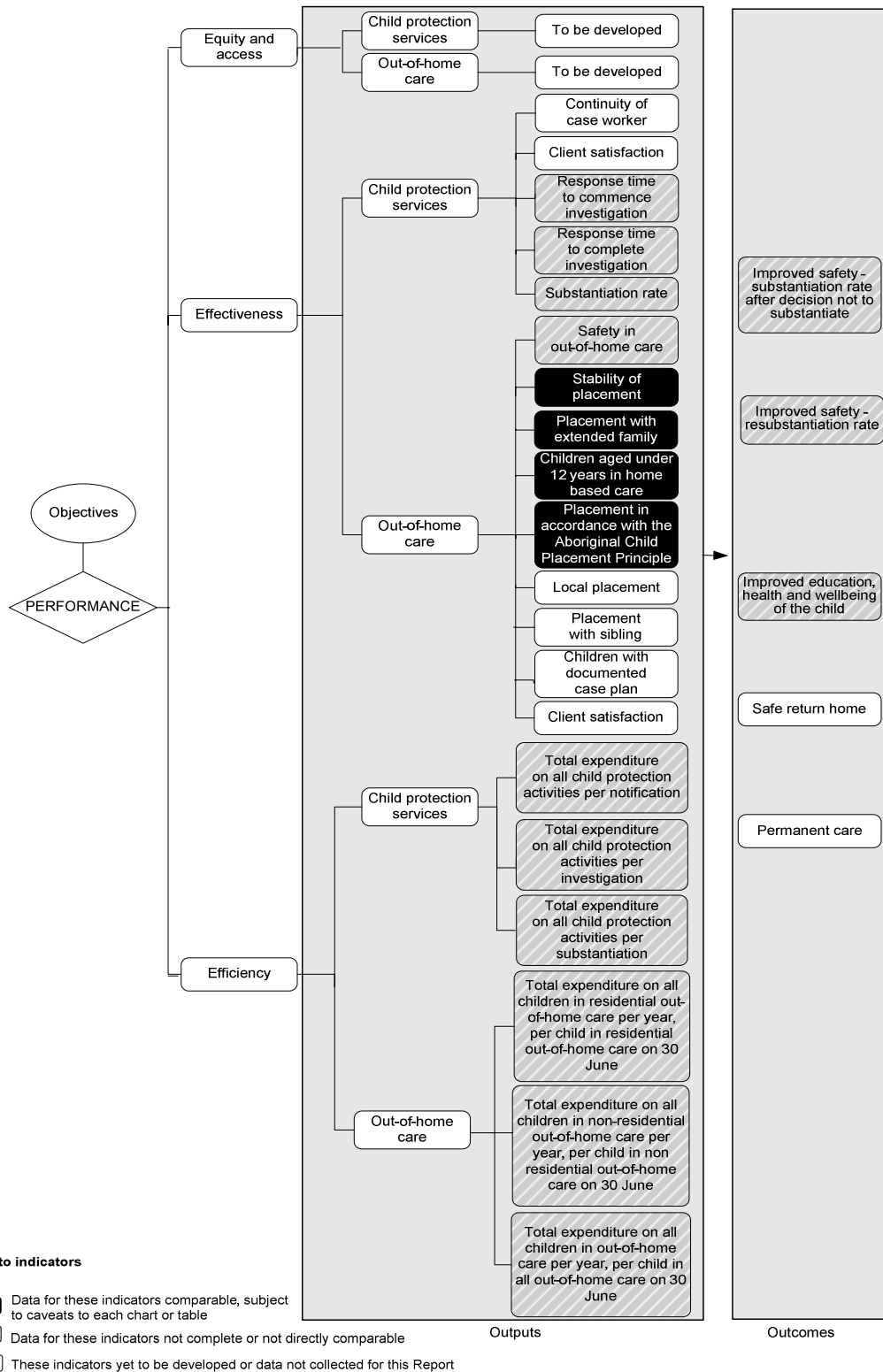
Further information on children in out-of-home care is included in the attachment tables to this Report. Table 15A.6 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type at 30 June 2008. Table 15A.7 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether they were on a care and protection order at 30 June 2008. Table 15A.8 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and

length of time in continuous out-of-home care as at 30 June 2008. Table 15A.9 identifies the number of children who exited care during 2007-08, by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care.

Framework of performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 15.2. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 15.2 Performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.3, p. 15.17.

Out-of-home care — placement with extended family

‘Placement with extended family’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of the recipients on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.1).

Box 15.1 Placement with extended family

‘Placement with extended family’ is defined as the proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are placed with relatives or kin who receive government financial assistance to care for that child.

A reasonably high rate for this indicator is considered desirable.

‘Placement with extended family’ needs to be considered with other factors in the placement decision.

Placing children with their relatives or kin is generally the preferred out-of-home care placement option. This option is generally associated with better long term outcomes due to increased continuity, familiarity and stability for the child. Relatives are more likely to have or form long term emotional bonds with the child. Placement with familiar people can help to overcome the loss of attachment and belonging that can occur when children are placed in out-of-home care.

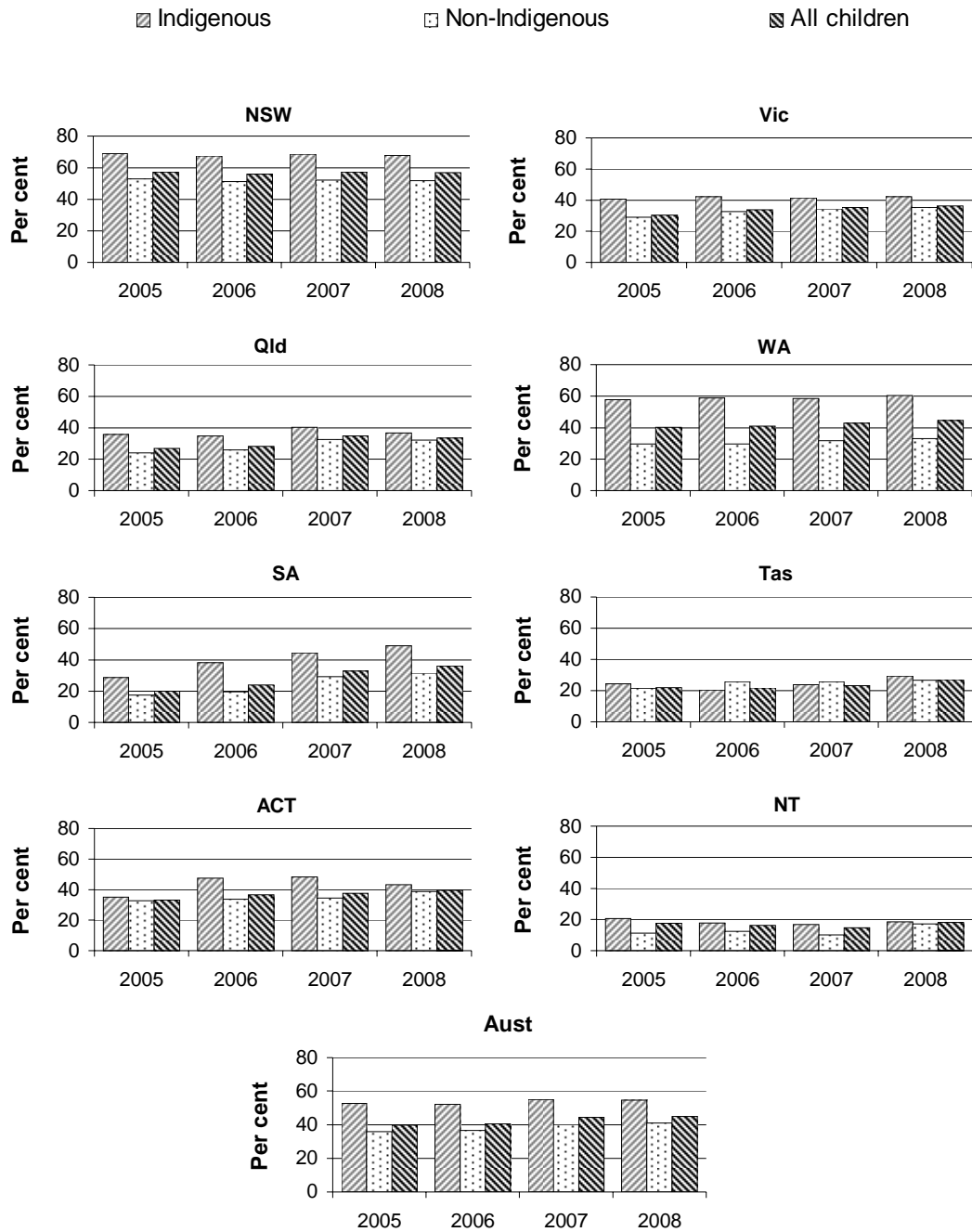
Placements with extended family may not always be the best option. Long standing family dynamics may undermine the pursuit of case goals such as reunification, and the possibility of intergenerational abuse needs to be considered. In addition, depending on the individual circumstances of children, it may be more important to have a local placement that enables continuity at school, for example, rather than a distant placement with relatives.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Figure 15.3 shows the proportion of children placed with relatives or kin by Indigenous status for the past four years. Although these data are comparable, each jurisdiction is shown separately for simpler presentation. The proportion of children placed with relatives or kin at 30 June 2008 was greater for Indigenous children than for non-Indigenous children in all jurisdictions and nationally (figure 15.3).

In addition, the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle places additional emphasis on the placement of Indigenous children with extended family. This principle is discussed in box 15.3.

Figure 15.3 Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, 30 June^a



^a Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.10; 2009 Report, figure 15.9, p. 15.30.

Out-of-home care — children aged under 12 years in home-based care

‘Children aged under 12 years in home-based care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services which meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.2).

Box 15.2 Children aged under 12 years in home-based care

‘Children aged under 12 years in home-based care’ is defined as the number of children under 12 years of age placed in home-based care divided by the total number of children under 12 years in out-of-home care.

A high rate for this indicator is considered desirable.

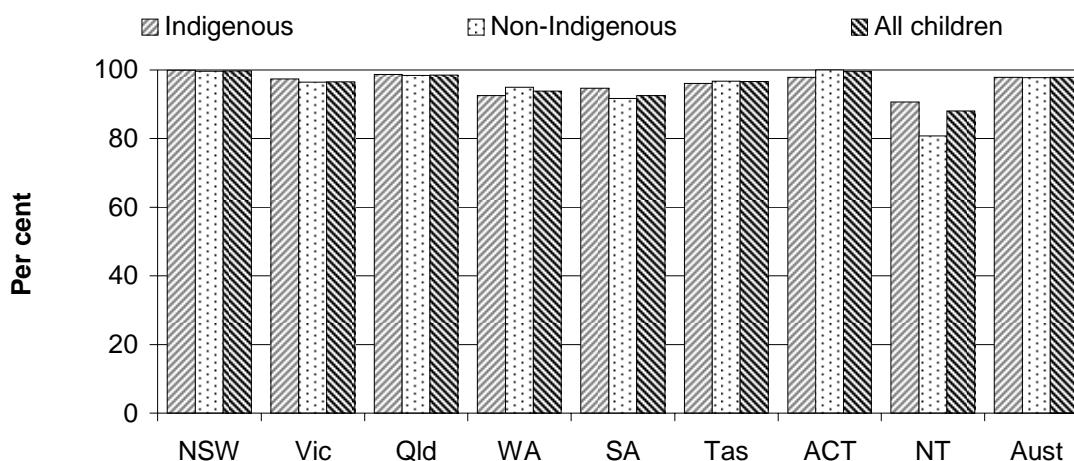
Placing children in home-based care is generally considered to be in their best interests, particularly for younger children. Children will generally make better developmental progress (and have more ready access to normal childhood experiences) in family settings rather than in residential care.

This indicator should be interpreted in conjunction with other placement indicators.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of all children aged under 12 years in care who were placed in home-based care (excluding family group homes) at 30 June 2008 was 97.8 per cent nationally. In all jurisdictions the proportion of Indigenous children aged under 12 years who were placed in home-based care was similar to that of non-Indigenous children, within seven percentage points (figure 15.4).

Figure 15.4 Proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008^{a, b}



^a Family group homes are not classified as being home-based care. ^b Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.12; 2009 Report, figure 15.10, p. 15.32.

Out-of-home care — placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

‘Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to protect the safety and welfare of Indigenous children while maintaining the cultural ties and identity of Indigenous children in out-of-home care (box 15.3). Subject to an over-riding concern for the safety and wellbeing of Indigenous children, the principle supports the maintenance of the Indigenous child’s cultural ties and identity while in out-of-home care.

According to the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (NSW Law Reform Commission 1997), the following hierarchy or placement preference should be pursued in protecting the safety and welfare of Indigenous children:

- placement with the child’s extended family (which includes Indigenous and non-Indigenous relatives/kin)
- placement within the child’s Indigenous community
- placement with other Indigenous people.

Box 15.3 Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

'Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle' is defined as the number of Indigenous children placed with the child's extended family, Indigenous community or other Indigenous people, divided by the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care. Data are reported separately for children placed (i) with relative/kin, (ii) with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care, and (iii) not placed with relative/kin, other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care.

Placing Indigenous children in circumstances consistent with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle is considered to be in their best interests. However, it is one factor among many considerations for the child's safety and wellbeing that must be carefully considered in the placement decision. In the application of this principle, consultation with and involvement of appropriate Indigenous individuals or organisations occurs in the placement decision.

If the preferred options are not available, the child may be placed (after appropriate consultation) with a non-Indigenous family or residential setting. The principle does not preclude the possibility that in some instances, placement in a non-Indigenous setting, where arrangements are in place for the child's cultural identity to be preserved, may be the most appropriate placement for the child.

A high proportion of children placed in accordance with the principle is desirable.

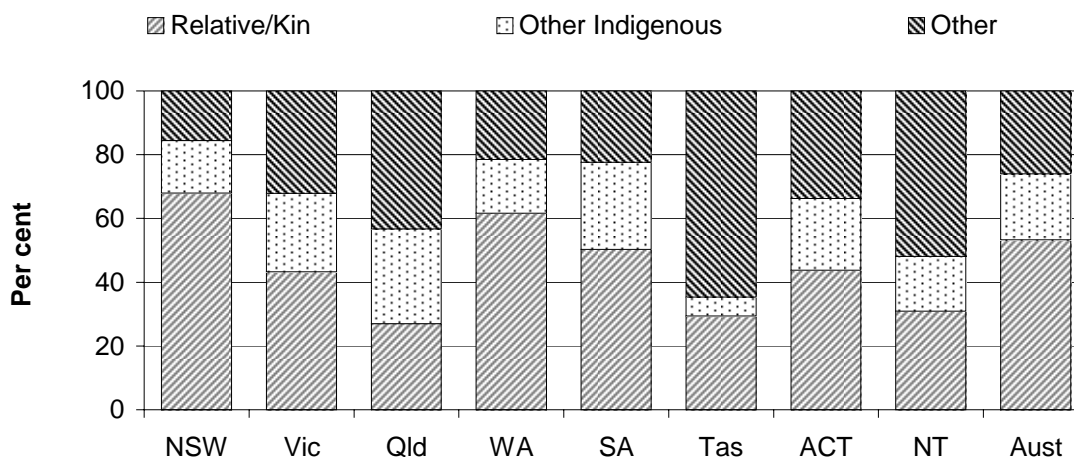
This indicator needs to be interpreted with care as the current measure is a proxy measure for compliance with the principle, as it reports the placement outcome of the Indigenous child rather than compliance with the principle. The indicator does not report whether the hierarchy was followed in the consideration of the best placement for the child, nor whether consultation was held with appropriate Indigenous individuals or organisations.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, at 30 June 2008, 53.3 per cent of Indigenous children in out-of-home care were placed with a relative/kin, 20.6 per cent placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care, and 26.0 per cent were not placed with relative/kin, or other Indigenous residential care (figure 15.5).

The proportion of Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2008 who were placed with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives or kin or with another Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.5).

Figure 15.5 **Placement of Indigenous children in out-of-home care, 30 June 2008^{a, b}**



Relative/Kin = Placed with relative/kin. Other Indigenous = Placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care. Other = Not placed with relative/kin, other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care. ^a Excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown. ^b Data for Tasmania and the ACT relate to a small number of Indigenous children (102 and 81 respectively) in care at 30 June 2008.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.11; 2009 Report, figure 15.11 p. 15.34.

Profile of juvenile justice services

Juvenile justice services aim to promote community safety and reduce youth offending by assisting young people to address their offending behaviour and take responsibility for the effect their behaviour has on victims and the wider community. In doing this, juvenile justice services recognise the importance of the families and communities of young offenders, particularly Indigenous communities, in the provision of services. Consequently, services are designed to maximise opportunities to maintain offending free lifestyles by rehabilitating young people who commit offences and reintegrating them into their community.

The responsibility for juvenile justice in Australia resides with State and Territory governments. The relevant department within each state and territory in 2007-08 responsible for funding and/or providing juvenile justice services is listed in the 2009 Report, box 15.29. Each jurisdiction has its own legislation that determines the policies and practices of its juvenile justice system. While this legislation varies in detail, its intent is similar across jurisdictions.

The juvenile justice system in each jurisdiction comprises several organisations, each with a different primary role and responsibility in dealing with young people. These include police, courts and juvenile justice agencies.

Juvenile justice agencies are responsible for the supervision and case management of young people on a range of community-based legal arrangements and in detention, and for the provision of a wide range of services aimed at crime prevention and reduction. Many of the services provided by juvenile justice agencies are aimed at: rehabilitating young people; minimising the level and future involvement of young people in the juvenile justice system; reducing the over representation of Indigenous young people in the justice system; maintaining the young person's connection with family, culture and community; providing young people with an appropriate level of care and safety (duty of care); increasing young people's accountability to victims; improving community safety; and providing pre-sentence reports for young people to the courts as required.

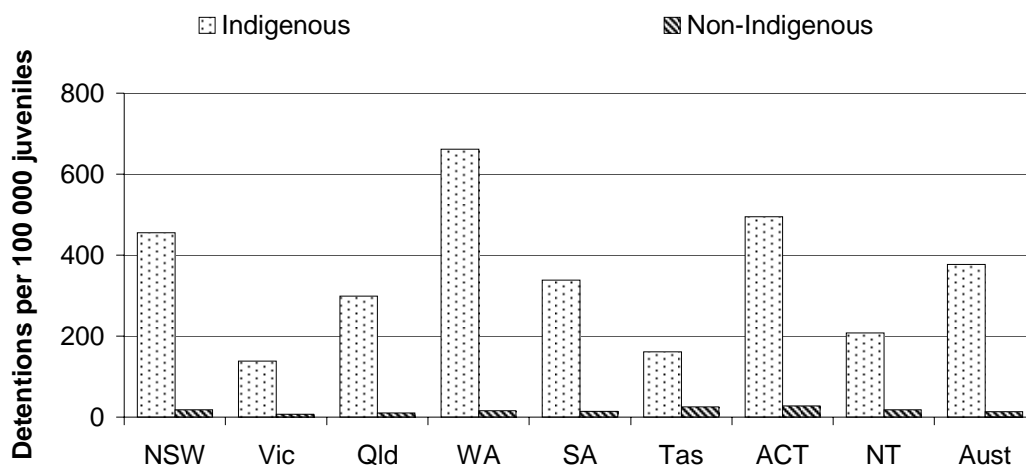
Numbers and rates of Indigenous young people placed in detention

The daily average number of Indigenous young people aged 10–17 years detained in juvenile detention centres was 400 in 2006-07 (table 15A.113). Nationally, the daily average detention rate for Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in 2006-07 was 376.9 per 100 000 Indigenous people aged 10–17 years. The rate for the non-Indigenous population aged 10–17 years in 2006-07 was 13.7 per 100 000 non-Indigenous people aged 10-17 years (table 15A.114).

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. The AIC uses ABS experimental projections for its estimates of the Indigenous population (ABS 2004). These data include a range of estimates (low and high). The AIC data are based on high level estimates, unlike other sections of this Report, which use the low level estimates.

The over-representation of Indigenous young people in detention across jurisdictions in 2006-07 is shown in figure 15.6.

Figure 15.6 **Average rate of detention of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people, 2006-07^{a, b}**



^a Rates of detention for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in NSW in each quarter in 2006-07 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. ^b The rate for Indigenous young people should be treated with caution due to the small Indigenous population in the ACT. The rate ratio at table 15A.114 should also be taken into account.

Source: AIC (unpublished); table 15A.114; 2009 Report, figure 15.17, p. 15.57.

Performance indicator framework for juvenile justice services

The framework of performance indicators for juvenile justice is based on a set of shared government objectives (box 15.4). However, juvenile justice services in each state and territory operate under their own legislation. Consequently there are different emphases with respect to aims and objectives.

Box 15.4 Objectives for juvenile justice services

Juvenile justice services aim to contribute to the reduction in frequency or severity of youth offending, recognise the rights of victims and promote community safety. Juvenile justice services seek to achieve these aims by:

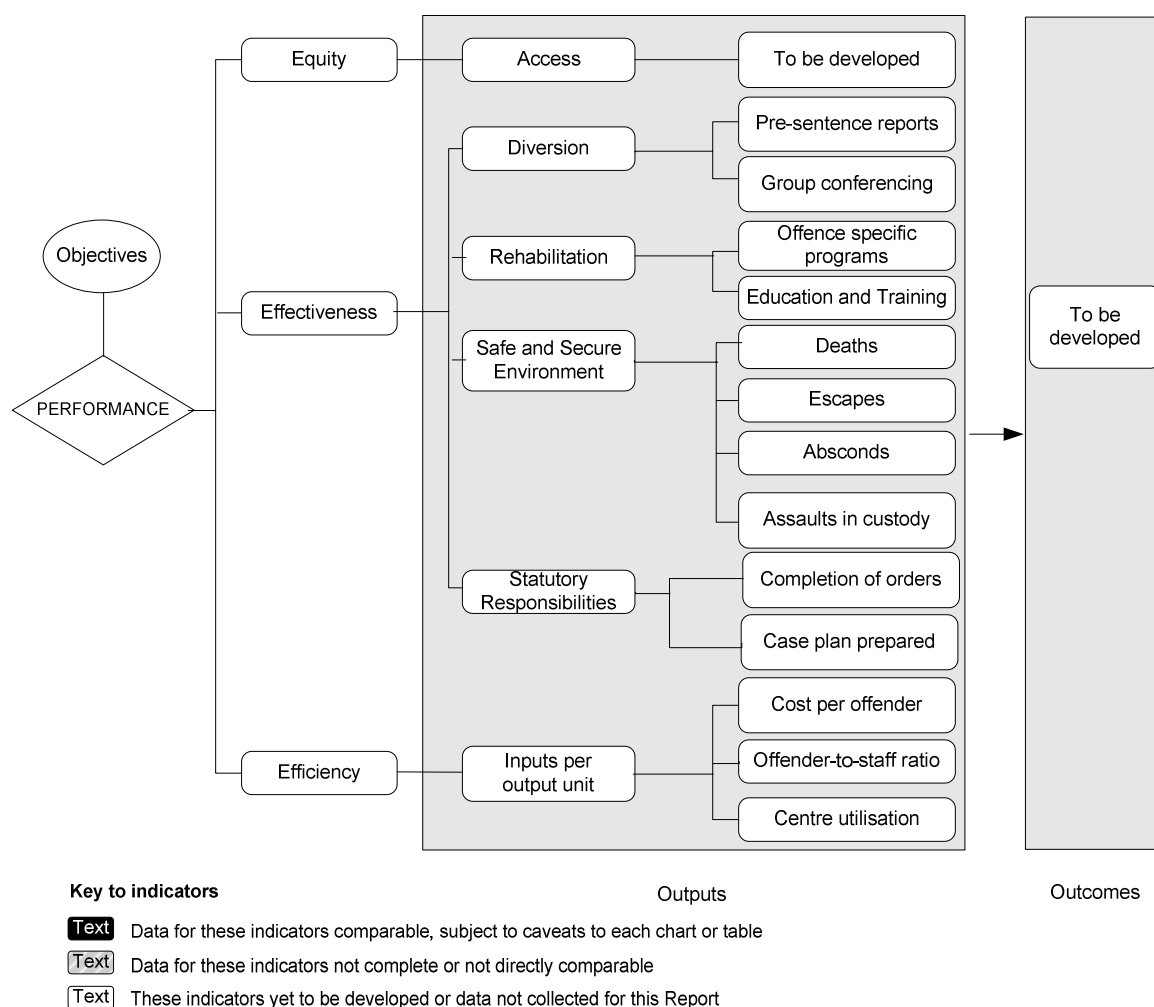
- assisting young people to address their offending behaviour and take responsibility for the effect their behaviour has on victims and the wider community
- enabling the interests and views of victims to be heard
- contributing to the diversion of young offenders to alternative services
- recognising the importance of the families and communities of young offenders, particularly Indigenous communities, in the provision of services and programmes

providing services that are designed to rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community.

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for juvenile justice in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 15.7. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

The performance indicator framework for juvenile justice services is included for the first time in the 2009 Report (figure 15.7).

Figure 15.7 Performance indicators for juvenile justice services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.18, p. 15.59.

Supported accommodation and assistance services

Supported accommodation and assistance services aim to assist people who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless as a result of a crisis, including women and children escaping domestic violence.

The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) was established in 1985 to bring homelessness programs funded by individual State and Territory governments and the Australian Government under one nationally coordinated program. The current program (SAAP V) is governed by the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1994*. This specifies that the overall aim of SAAP is to provide transitional supported accommodation and related support services to assist homeless people achieve the maximum degree of self-reliance and independence (AIHW 2008b).

Performance indicator framework for supported accommodation and assistance services

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for SAAP services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 15.8. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

The framework of performance indicators for supported accommodation and assistance services is based on the shared government objectives for SAAP services (box 15.5).

Box 15.5 Objectives for SAAP services

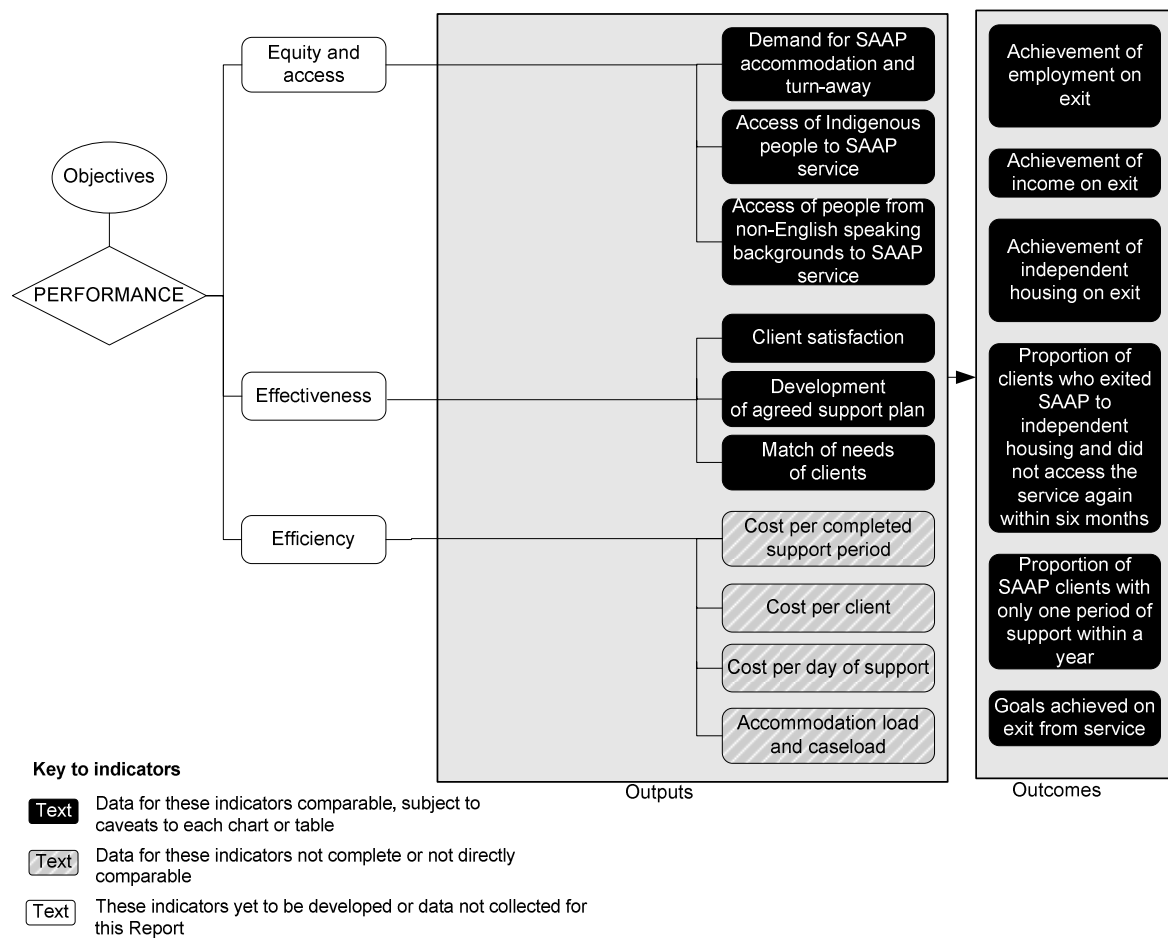
The overall aim of SAAP is to provide transitional supported accommodation and a range of related support services, to help people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness to achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence. Within this aim, the goals are to:

- resolve crises
- re-establish family links where appropriate
- re-establish the capacity of clients to live independently of SAAP.

SAAP services should be provided in an equitable and efficient manner.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of SAAP services (figure 15.8).

Figure 15.8 Performance indicators for SAAP services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.21, p. 15.72.

The SAAP data collection measures the number of clients and the number and types of services provided to clients, but is subject to some limitations (box 15.6).

Box 15.6 Information to be considered when analysing SAAP data

The following information needs to be considered when analysing SAAP data.

- Informed consent is an essential component of the integrity of the data. The principle of client/consumer rights (which underpins informed consent) recognises that clients do not receive services under a mandatory order. They have the right to accept or reject the services offered and they have the right to provide or not provide information while receiving SAAP services.
- Clients consented to provide personal details for the SAAP client collection for 81.1 per cent of support periods in 2006-07. A weighting system has been developed to adjust for agency non-participation (87.2 per cent of agencies participated in the client collection) and non-consent (AIHW 2008b).
- Agency participation is essential to ensure accurate reflection of the work done under the SAAP program. While the majority of jurisdictions had participation rates of 90 per cent or more in 2006-07, the ACT and Victoria had participation rates of 76 per cent and 78 per cent respectively. These lower participation rates were the result of restructuring and consolidation of services in the ACT and creation of new agencies in Victoria. A number of services affected by these changes did not submit data. Weighting for participation assumes that agencies operated a full year. Partial year participation will result in a variation in the number of support periods and clients. This assumption has a more significant impact on smaller jurisdictions.

Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service

‘Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure all Australians have equitable access to SAAP services on the basis of relative need (box 15.7).

Box 15.7 Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service

'Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service' is defined as the comparison between the representation of Indigenous people among all people whose valid requests for SAAP accommodation were unmet and their representation among SAAP clients who were accommodated during the year.

A high and equivalent proportion of valid requests receiving assistance is desirable.

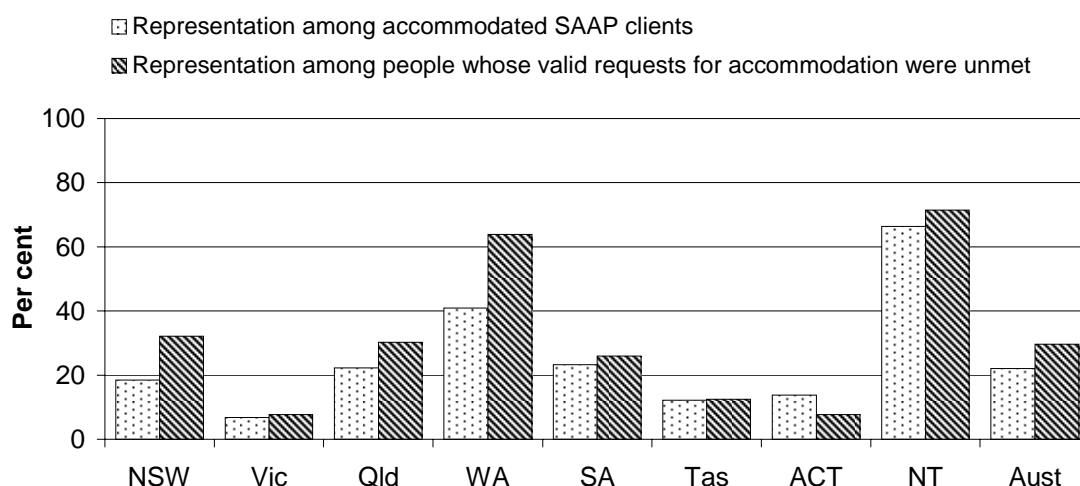
The indicator measures the extent to which the demand for assistance from Indigenous people is met or unmet. Unmet demand occurs when a homeless person expressly asking for supported accommodation, or support, cannot be provided with that assistance (although one-off assistance may be provided).

Supported accommodation and assistance services target homeless people in general, but access by special needs groups (such as Indigenous people) is particularly important.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, Indigenous people made up 29.7 per cent of all people whose valid requests for accommodation did not result in accommodation assistance in 2006-07 — a proportion greater than Indigenous clients among all accommodated SAAP clients (22.1 per cent). This result varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.9).

Figure 15.9 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2006-07^a



^a See notes to table 15A.116 for details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Demand for Accommodation Collections (unpublished); AIHW (2008) Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection. SAAP NDCA report series 12. Cat. No. HOU 186; table 15A.116; 2009 Report, figure 15.24, p. 15.77.

Development of agreed support plan

'Development of agreed support plan' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide high quality services that are appropriately targeted to meet the needs of SAAP clients (box 15.8).

Box 15.8 Development of agreed support plan

'Development of agreed support plan' is defined as the number of closed support periods with an agreed support plan divided by the total number of closed support periods. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

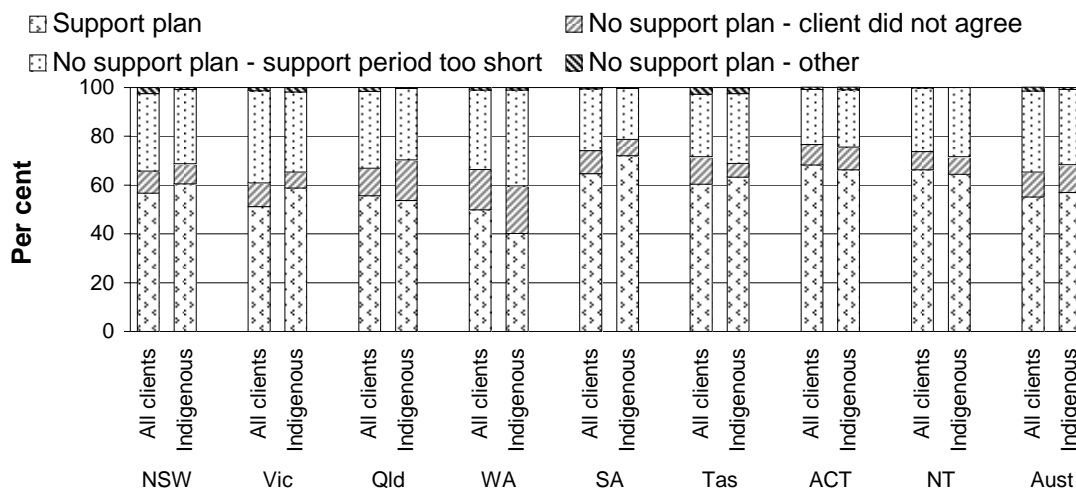
A higher proportion of support periods with agreed support plans is desirable.

However, in some instances, a support plan may be judged to be inappropriate (such as when a support period is short term).

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, there was an agreed support plan for 55.1 per cent of closed support periods for all clients in 2006-07 (compared to 57.0 per cent for Indigenous clients). These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.10).

Figure 15.10 Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, 2006-07^a



^a See notes to table 15A.117 and 2009 Report, table 15A.185 for more details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.117 and 2009 Report, table 15A.185; 2009 Report, figure 15.26, p. 15.80.

Match of needs of clients

'Match of needs of clients' is an indicator of governments' objective to ensure that SAAP services meet their client's individual needs (box 15.9).

Box 15.9 Match of needs of clients

'Match of needs of clients' is defined as the number of distinct services required by the clients that are provided as well as those referred to another agency, divided by the total number of distinct services required by SAAP clients.

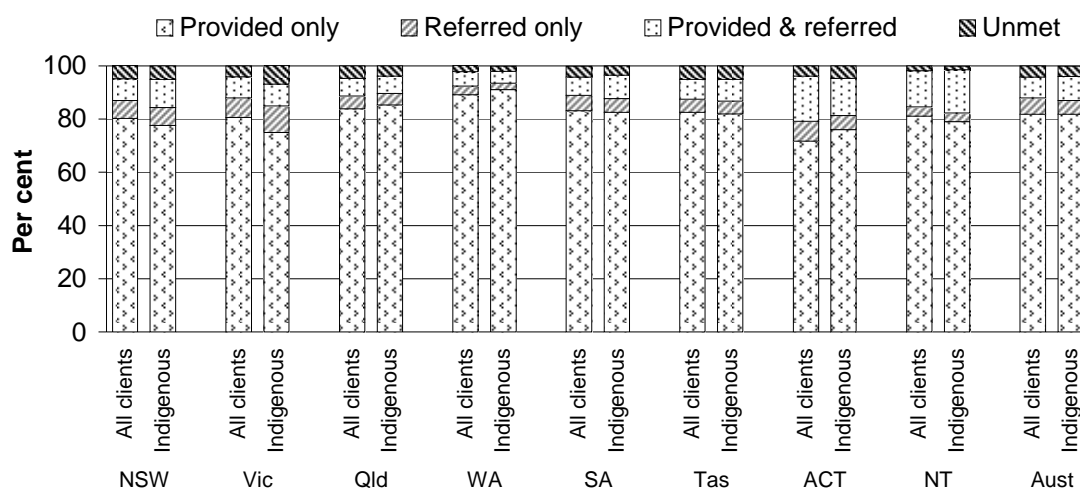
A higher proportion of clients who received services they needed, or who were referred to another agency, is desirable.

The range of services needed is broad (ranging from meals to laundry facilities to long term accommodation), so the effect of not providing these services varies. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous people and people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportions for Indigenous clients (96.0 per cent) who received services in 2006-07 were similar to that for all clients. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.11).

Figure 15.11 Indigenous clients, by met and unmet support needs, 2006-07



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.118 and 2009 Report, table 15A.188; 2009 Report, figure 15.28, p. 15.82.

Outcomes

In its report *Measuring the Impact of SAAP-funded Homelessness Services on Client Self-reliance* (FaHCSIA 2008) the Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) found that, on a ten-point scale representing the concept of ‘getting back on my feet’, two-thirds of respondents perceived they were at point eight or beyond. Only five per cent of respondents perceived they had made no progress at all. The factor that most influenced how respondents perceived their self-reliance was the length of time they had been accessing the service. There were no significant differences in outcomes at the average level between Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients, or between clients from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) and non-CALD clients. The report showed that SAAP clients perceive SAAP to be effective in helping them move towards self-reliance. However, the report also found that many of the problems and barriers that led clients into homelessness are not quickly and easily fixed and instead may take considerable time, effort and resources to overcome.

Achievement of employment on exit

‘Achievement of employment on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of society at the end of their support period (box 15.10).

Box 15.10 Achievement of employment on exit

‘Achievement of employment on exit’ is defined as the number of closed support periods for SAAP clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training, and achieved employment after SAAP support, divided by the total number of closed support periods for clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment. Support periods reported relate to these clients only.

Higher proportions of achievement of employment are desirable.

This indicator compares these clients’ employment status before and after they requested SAAP support. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

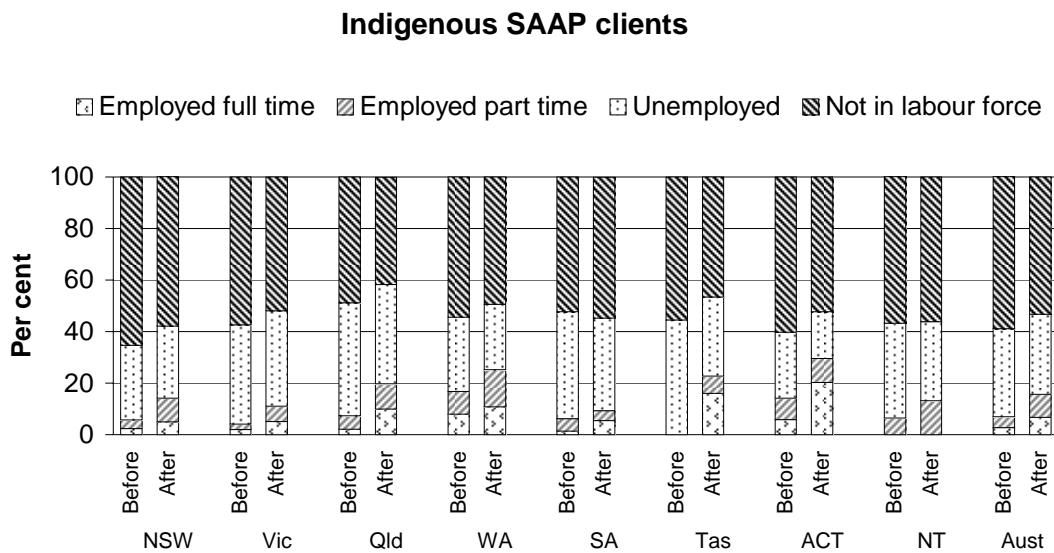
This indicator relates to relatively short term outcomes — that is, outcomes for clients immediately after their support period. Longer term outcomes are important, but more difficult to measure.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, of those Indigenous clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering SAAP in 2006-07, the proportion of clients

who were employed either full time or part time increased from 7.0 per cent before support to 15.7 per cent after support (6.7 per cent full time and 9.0 per cent part time). The proportion of clients who were unemployed decreased from 34.1 per cent before support to 31.0 per cent after support. The proportion of clients who were not in the labour force decreased from 59.0 per cent before support to 53.3 per cent after support. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.12 and table 15A.119).

Figure 15.12 Changes in labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2006-07^a



^a Data are for people who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining employment when entering SAAP services.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); table 15A.120; 2009 Report, figure 15.34(b), p. 15.89.

Achievement of income on exit

‘Achievement of income on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 15.11).

Box 15.11 Achievement of income on exit

'Achievement of income on exit' is defined as the number of closed support periods for SAAP clients who requested assistance to obtain or maintain a pension or benefit and exited SAAP with an income source, divided by the total number of closed support periods for clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain a pension or benefit. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

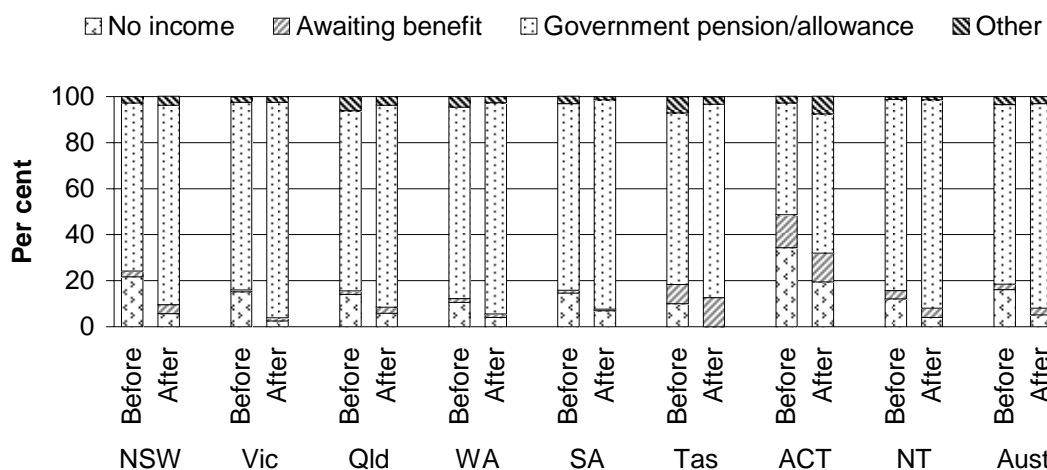
A high proportion of clients who requested income assistance and exited SAAP with an income source is desirable.

This indicator compares these clients' income status before and after they received SAAP support. A client's independence and self-reliance is enhanced when the client experiences a positive change in income source (for example, from having no income support to obtaining some income, including wages and/or benefits) on exit from SAAP services.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, in 2006-07 the proportion of Indigenous clients who did not have income and requested income assistance also decreased after SAAP assistance (from 16.2 per cent to 5.1 per cent nationally) (figure 15.13). Both before and after SAAP assistance, the income source for the majority of SAAP clients was a government pension/allowance (figure 15.13).

Figure 15.13 Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2006-07



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.122; 2009 Report, figure 15.36, p. 15.91.

Achievement of independent housing on exit

‘Achievement of independent housing on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of society at the end of their support period (box 15.12).

Box 15.12 Achievement of independent housing on exit

‘Achievement of independent housing on exit’ is defined as the number of support periods of clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieving independent housing at the end of a support period, divided by the total number of completed support periods of clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing.

Higher proportions of clients who are in independent housing are desirable.

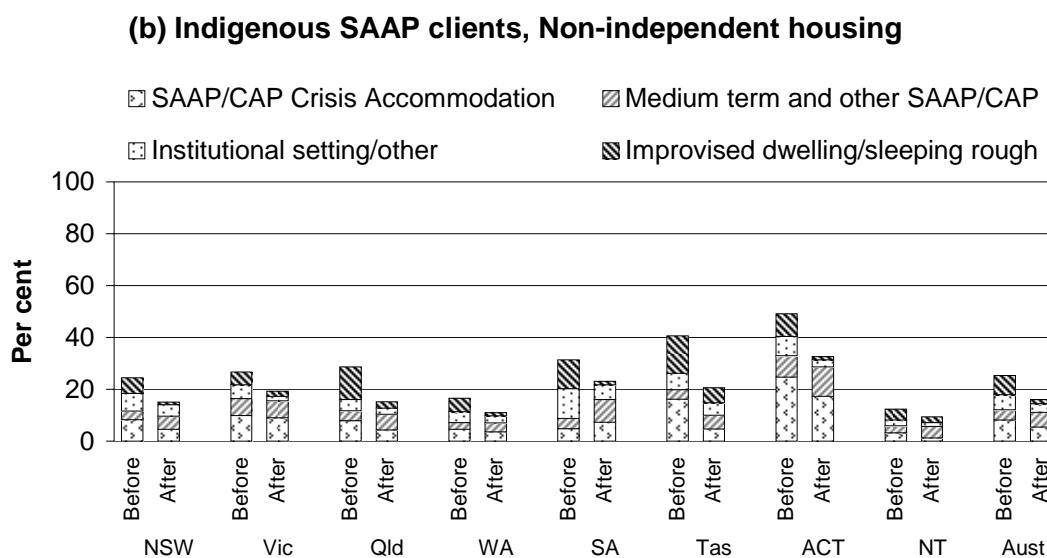
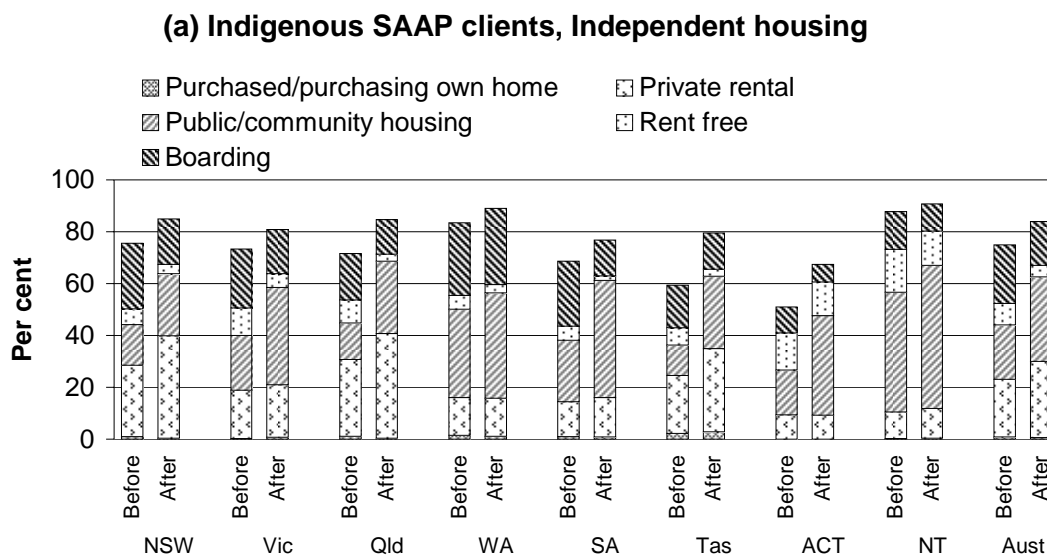
This indicator compares the proportion of clients who were in independent housing before and after they received SAAP support. It relates to relatively short term outcomes — that is, outcomes for clients immediately after their support period. Longer term outcomes are important, but more difficult to measure. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 83.9 per cent of indigenous clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieved independent housing at the end of a support period in 2006-07, including those who moved or returned to private rental housing (29.4 per cent), to public rental housing (25.5 per cent), and who were boarding (16.9 per cent) (figure 15.14(a)).

Clients who did not achieve independent housing at the end of a support period in 2006-07 included those who moved to, or continued to live in, short to medium term SAAP accommodation and other forms of non-independent accommodation (figure 15.14(b)).

Figure 15.14 Accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, 2006-07



Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); table 15A.119; 2009 Report, figure 15.37 (c) and 15.37 (d), p. 15.94.

Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year

‘Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 15.13).

Box 15.13 Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year

'Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year' is defined as the number of clients with only one support period during the year, divided by the total number of SAAP clients. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

A higher proportion of clients with only one support period during the year is desirable.

It may be appropriate for some clients to receive more than one support period in a given period of time (for example, moving from crisis accommodation to medium term accommodation). One group that makes multiple use of SAAP is single adults, especially older single men. A number of SAAP clients who need long term assistance may access SAAP services a number of times before their needs are met on a permanent basis. Ongoing contact with SAAP agencies may also lead to an improvement in living skills and self-reliance.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 72.8 per cent of SAAP clients had only one support period in 2006-07. The proportion for Indigenous clients was similar (72.1 per cent) (table 15A.121).

Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 15A.3 is table 3 in the protection and support attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

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15A Protection and support services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 15.13 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

Data in this Report are examined by the Protection and Support Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat.

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, 2007-08 (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.	8 860	706	1 804	546	737	47	136	600
Not substantiated	no.	16 007	335	1 592	604	807	19	79	341
Total finalised	no.	24 867	1 041	3 396	1 150	1 544	66	215	941
Investigations in process (c)	no.	702	154	1 352	293	2	28	–	231
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	4 927	..	148	52	..	30	18	272
Total investigations	no.	30 496	1 195	4 896	1 495	1 546	124	233	1 444
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	6 959	1 723	..	1 591	2 631	251	771	967
Total notifications	no.	37 455	2 918	4 896	3 086	4 177	375	1 004	2 411
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.7	24.2	36.8	17.7	17.6	12.5	13.5	24.9
Not substantiated	%	42.7	11.5	32.5	19.6	19.3	5.1	7.9	14.1
Total finalised	%	66.4	35.7	69.4	37.3	37.0	17.6	21.4	39.0
Investigations in process (c)	%	1.9	5.3	27.6	9.5	–	7.5	–	9.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	13.2	..	3.0	1.7	..	8.0	1.8	11.3
Total investigations	%	81.4	41.0	100.0	48.4	37.0	33.1	23.2	59.9
Dealt with by other means	%	18.6	59.0	..	51.6	63.0	66.9	76.8	40.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (f)									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	25 275	5 659	6 224	918	1 594	1 167	691	156
Not substantiated	no.	56 801	3 380	8 429	1 424	2 299	853	556	178
Total finalised	no.	82 076	9 039	14 653	2 342	3 893	2 020	1 247	334
Investigations in process (c)	no.	3 295	933	4 797	415	14	210	–	121
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	21 711	..	657	131	..	903	86	117
Total investigations	no.	107 082	9 972	20 107	2 888	3 907	3 133	1 333	572
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	51 062	28 717	..	3 003	12 763	9 355	6 633	677
Total notifications	no.	158 144	38 689	20 107	5 891	16 670	12 488	7 966	1 249
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	16.0	14.6	31.0	15.6	9.6	9.3	8.7	12.5
Not substantiated	%	35.9	8.7	41.9	24.2	13.8	6.8	7.0	14.3
Total finalised	%	51.9	23.4	72.9	39.8	23.4	16.2	15.7	26.7

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigations in process (c)	%	2.1	2.4	23.9	7.0	0.1	1.7	–	9.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	13.7	..	3.3	2.2	..	7.2	1.1	9.4
Total investigations	%	67.7	25.8	100.0	49.0	23.4	25.1	16.7	45.8
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	32.3	74.2	..	51.0	76.6	74.9	83.3	54.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	34 135	6 365	8 028	1 464	2 331	1 214	827	756
Not substantiated	no.	72 808	3 715	10 021	2 028	3 106	872	635	519
Total finalised	no.	106 943	10 080	18 049	3 492	5 437	2 086	1 462	1 275
Investigations in process (c)	no.	3 997	1 087	6 149	708	16	238	–	352
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	26 638	..	805	183	..	933	104	389
Total investigations	no.	137 578	11 167	25 003	4 383	5 453	3 257	1 566	2 016
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	58 021	30 440	..	4 594	15 394	9 606	7 404	1 644
Total notifications	no.	195 599	41 607	25 003	8 977	20 847	12 863	8 970	3 660
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	17.5	15.3	32.1	16.3	11.2	9.4	9.2	20.7
Not substantiated	%	37.2	8.9	40.1	22.6	14.9	6.8	7.1	14.2
Total finalised	%	54.7	24.2	72.2	38.9	26.1	16.2	16.3	34.8
Investigations in process (c)	%	2.0	2.6	24.6	7.9	0.1	1.9	–	9.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	13.6	..	3.2	2.0	..	7.3	1.2	10.6
Total investigations	%	70.3	26.8	100.0	48.8	26.2	25.3	17.5	55.1
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	29.7	73.2	..	51.2	73.8	74.7	82.5	44.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) A number of changes have been made since the 2008 Report. See footnotes (c) - (e).

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

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

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

Table 15A.1 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
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(f) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: Tables 15A.16, 15A.28, 15A.40, 15A.52, 15A.64, 15A.76, 15A.88 and 15A.100; 2009 Report, table 15A.5.

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (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	674	227	567	498	164	29	24	195
Had prior admissions to orders	236	163	819	126	151	71	18	40
Total children admitted	910	390	1 386	624	315	100	42	235
Children discharged from orders	459	285	na	170	93	57	16	181
Non-Indigenous (b)								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 104	1 718	1 360	744	475	231	103	83
Had prior admissions to orders	600	1 181	1 566	200	372	242	96	3
Total children admitted	2 704	2 899	2 926	944	847	473	199	86
Children discharged from orders	1 586	1 901	na	272	401	224	144	98
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 778	1 945	1 927	1 242	639	260	127	278
Had prior admissions to orders	836	1 344	2 385	326	523	313	114	43
Total children admitted	3 614	3 289	4 312	1 568	1 162	573	241	321
Children discharged from orders	2 045	2 186	na	442	494	281	160	279

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.17, 15A.29, 15A.41, 15A.53, 15A.65, 15A.77, 15A.89 and 15A.101; 2009 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 2008 (number) (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c), (d)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	2 917	623	1 619	1 012	475	122	90	322
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	..	131	24	9	na	–	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	305	114	39	–	5	7	–
Interim and temporary orders	463	49	352	204	26	12	13	17
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	..	..	..	30	–	7	24
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	3 380	977	2 216	1 279	540	139	117	363
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	7 330	4 172	3 463	1 367	1 472	657	334	143
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	..	432	38	30	na	9	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	2 343	290	81	4	19	26	2
Interim and temporary orders	1 376	384	639	329	98	84	52	8
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	..	..	..	53	15	14	4
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	8 706	6 899	4 824	1 815	1 657	775	435	157
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	10 247	4 795	5 082	2 379	1 947	779	424	465
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	..	563	62	39	na	9	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	2 648	404	120	4	24	33	2
Interim and temporary orders	1 839	433	991	533	124	96	65	25
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	..	..	..	83	15	21	28
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	12 086	7 876	7 040	3 094	2 197	914	552	520

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

(b) Disaggregated data for number of Indigenous children on orders are not available as at 30 June 2008. Supervisory, third party parental responsibility and administrative/voluntary arrangements are reported under finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements.

(c) From 2008 data for the category third party parental responsibility orders are reported separately. Previously these were counted as a subset of guardianship or custody orders.

(d) For South Australia third party parental responsibility orders and administrative/voluntary arrangements used to be reported under guardianship or custody orders.

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

Table 15A.3 Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2008 (number) (a)

	<i>NSW</i> (b)	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i> (c)	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i> (c), (d)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<i>Source:</i>	Tables 15A.18, 15A.30, 15A.42, 15A.54, 15A.66, 15A.78, 15A.90 and 15A.102; 2009 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, 2007-08 (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	15 756	2 180	4 265	2 657	2 397	196	394	1 978	29 823
Non-Indigenous	86 172	30 119	17 836	5 222	11 200	7 314	4 135	983	162 981
All children	101 928	32 299	22 101	7 879	13 597	7 510	4 529	2 961	192 804
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	256.2	176.0	71.5	90.3	212.3	25.2	214.4	84.1	143.8
Non-Indigenous	59.1	27.0	19.5	11.6	35.1	71.2	58.7	28.0	36.5
All children	67.0	28.7	22.7	16.4	41.2	67.9	62.6	50.5	41.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	11 032	964	2 991	1 145	1 024	55	137	1 089	18 437
Non-Indigenous	44 907	8 595	13 084	2 328	2 938	1 517	769	404	74 542
All children	55 939	9 559	16 075	3 473	3 962	1 572	906	1 493	92 979
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	179.4	77.8	50.1	38.9	90.7	7.1	74.5	46.3	88.9
Non-Indigenous	30.8	7.7	14.3	5.2	9.2	14.8	10.9	11.5	16.7
All children	36.8	8.5	16.5	7.2	12.0	14.2	12.5	25.5	19.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	3 263	681	1 617	520	547	39	88	558	7 313
Non-Indigenous	9 856	5 481	5 660	863	1 272	881	447	142	24 602
All children	13 119	6 162	7 277	1 383	1 819	920	535	700	31 915
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	53.0	55.0	27.1	17.7	48.4	5.0	47.9	23.7	35.3
Non-Indigenous	6.8	4.9	6.2	1.9	4.0	8.6	6.3	4.0	5.5
All children	8.6	5.5	7.5	2.9	5.5	8.3	7.4	11.9	6.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2008									
Number of children									
Indigenous	3 380	977	2 216	1 279	540	139	117	363	9 011
Non-Indigenous	8 706	6 899	4 824	1 815	1 657	775	435	157	25 268
All children	12 086	7 876	7 040	3 094	2 197	914	552	520	34 279
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	51.9	74.1	35.0	41.0	45.2	16.9	60.2	14.6	41.0
Non-Indigenous	5.6	5.8	5.0	3.8	4.9	7.1	5.8	4.2	5.3
All children	7.5	6.6	6.8	6.0	6.2	7.8	7.1	8.4	6.9

(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, 2007-08 (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.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.19, 15A.31, 15A.43, 15A.55, 15A.67, 15A.79, 15A.91 and 15A.102; 2009 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, 2007-08 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</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	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281	9 070
Non-Indigenous	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117	22 096
All children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398	31 166
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	66.3	50.1	33.0	34.6	39.1	12.4	41.6	11.3	41.3
Non-Indigenous	6.0	3.7	4.7	3.0	4.0	5.1	4.6	3.1	4.6
All children	8.4	4.2	6.4	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.5	6.4	6.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	4 926	1 021	2 730	1 347	603	150	126	464	11 367
Non-Indigenous	11 082	6 877	6 259	1 915	1 776	818	550	190	29 467
All children	16 008	7 898	8 989	3 262	2 379	968	676	654	40 834
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	75.9	77.7	43.4	43.3	50.3	18.2	65.2	18.7	51.9
Non-Indigenous	7.1	5.8	6.4	4.0	5.2	7.5	7.3	5.1	6.2
All children	9.9	6.6	8.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	8.8	10.6	8.2

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

(b) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.20, 15A.32, 15A.44, 15A.56, 15A.68, 15A.80, 15A.92 and 15A.104; 2009 Report, table 15A.16.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2008 (number) (a) (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (c)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
Residential care	61	41	83	41	25	4	14	4
Family group homes	..	..	..	44	–	6	..	14
Home based care								
Foster care	1 315	309	1 235	334	201	55	31	180
Relative/kinship care	2 926	279	767	651	229	30	35	52
Other home based care	–	30	–	..	–	7	–	–
Total home based	4 241	618	2 002	985	430	92	66	232
Independent living (incl. private board)	13	1	–	7	5	–	1	2
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	–	1	7	–	–	29
Total Indigenous children	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281
Non-Indigenous								
Residential care	255	385	303	104	141	16	33	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	7	–	30	..	–
Home based care								
Foster care	4 133	2 163	2 803	847	710	322	173	67
Relative/kinship care	4 797	1 548	1 479	485	434	150	133	20
Other home based care	3	278	–	..	4	34	–	–
Total home based	8 933	3 989	4 282	1 332	1 148	506	306	87
Independent living (incl. private board)	57	22	–	16	20	2	4	1
Other (incl. unknown)	5	–	–	9	65	8	1	29
Total non-Indigenous children	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117
All children								
Residential care	316	426	386	145	166	20	47	4
Family group homes	..	..	..	51	–	36	..	14
Home based care								
Foster care	5 448	2 472	4 038	1 181	911	377	204	247
Relative/kinship care	7 723	1 827	2 246	1 136	663	180	168	72
Other home based care	3	308	–	..	4	41	–	–
Total home based	13 174	4 607	6 284	2 317	1 578	598	372	319
Independent living (incl. private board)	70	23	–	23	25	2	5	3
Other (incl. unknown)	6	–	–	10	72	8	1	58
Total children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398

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

(b) Family group homes are included as part of residential care. However in this table they have been disaggregated.

(c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.

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

Table 15A.6 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2008 (number) (a) (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (c)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<i>Source:</i>	Tables 15A.21, 15A.33, 15A.45, 15A.57, 15A.69, 15A.81, 15A.93 and 15A.105; 2009 Report, table 15A.17.							

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 2008 (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	3 143	492	1 847	1 049	416	102	81	281
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	17	–	–	..
Not on an order	1 173	168	238	29	34	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	7 909	3 356	3 970	1 421	1 341	562	338	117
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	17	–	1	..
Not on an order	1 341	1 040	615	47	16	–	5	..
Total non-Indigenous children	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117
All children								
Care and protection order	11 052	3 848	5 817	2 470	1 757	664	419	398
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	34	–	1	..
Not on an order	2 514	1 208	853	76	50	–	5	..
Total all children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.22, 15A.34, 15A.46, 15A.58, 15A.70, 15A.82, 15A.94 and 15A.106; 2009 Report, table 15A.18.

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 2008 (number) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
Respite	25	–	na	–	–	–	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	92	14	61	14	–	1	–	179
1 to less than 6 months	411	89	279	81	24	11	10	12
6 months to less than 1 year	496	94	267	146	33	10	7	12
1 to less than 2 years	787	110	324	249	67	17	11	26
2 to less than 5 years	1 143	198	700	306	50	43	24	35
5 years or more	1 362	155	454	282	293	20	29	17
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 291	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	52	11	na	–	–	–	2	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	217	139	176	20	1	13	14	83
1 to less than 6 months	960	470	576	151	95	46	28	4
6 months to less than 1 year	1 003	460	513	176	68	77	41	14
1 to less than 2 years	1 605	627	787	243	188	101	59	6
2 to less than 5 years	2 197	1 287	1 315	392	144	175	103	4
5 years or more	3 216	1 402	1 218	486	878	150	97	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	9 198	4 385	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	342	117
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117
All children								
Respite	77	11	na	–	–	–	2	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	309	153	237	34	1	14	14	262
1 to less than 6 months	1 371	559	855	232	119	57	38	16
6 months to less than 1 year	1 499	554	780	322	101	87	48	26
1 to less than 2 years	2 392	737	1 111	492	255	118	70	32
2 to less than 5 years	3 340	1 485	2 015	698	194	218	127	39
5 years or more	4 578	1 557	1 672	768	1 171	170	126	23
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	13 489	5 045	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	423	398
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398

Table 15A.8 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2008 (number) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i> (b)	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
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(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) Tasmania is not able to distinguish between respite care and non-respite care.

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

Source: Tables 15A.23, 15A.35, 15A.47, 15A.59, 15A.71, 15A.83, 15A.95 and 15A.107; 2009 Report, table 15A.19.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 **Children who exited care during the year 2007-08 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	136	72	176	27	24	20	6	na
6 months to less than 1 year	112	29	52	16	13	1	1	na
1 to less than 2 years	122	32	61	11	12	7	7	na
2 to less than 5 years	78	20	99	45	11	5	8	na
5 years or more	91	20	46	47	15	6	2	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	539	173	434	146	75	39	24	na
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	444	505	440	47	80	55	27	na
6 months to less than 1 year	232	193	173	36	50	39	14	na
1 to less than 2 years	229	234	189	17	42	33	14	na
2 to less than 5 years	159	210	167	61	29	42	21	na
5 years or more	264	133	141	83	43	16	12	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	1 328	1 275	1 110	244	244	185	88	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	580	577	616	74	104	75	33	na
6 months to less than 1 year	344	222	225	52	63	40	15	na
1 to less than 2 years	351	266	250	28	54	40	21	na
2 to less than 5 years	237	230	266	106	40	47	29	na
5 years or more	355	153	187	130	58	22	14	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	1 867	1 448	1 544	390	319	224	112	na

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.24, 15A.36, 15A.48, 15A.60, 15A.72, 15A.84, 15A.96 and 15A.108; 2009 Report, table 15A.20.

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 (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2008										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	2 926	279	767	651	229	30	35	52	4 969
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 797	1 548	1 479	485	434	150	133	20	9 046
All children	no.	7 723	1 827	2 246	1 136	663	180	168	72	14 015
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	67.8	42.3	36.8	60.4	49.0	29.4	43.2	18.5	54.8
Non-Indigenous	%	51.9	35.2	32.3	33.0	31.6	26.7	38.7	17.1	40.9
All children	%	56.9	36.1	33.7	44.6	36.0	27.1	39.5	18.1	45.0
2007										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	2 526	260	705	573	180	27	43	45	4 359
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 254	1 521	1 379	444	373	128	107	13	8 219
All children	no.	6 780	1 781	2 084	1 017	553	155	150	58	12 578
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.5	41.5	40.3	58.6	44.4	23.9	48.3	16.8	55.1
Non-Indigenous	%	52.2	34.4	32.7	31.9	29.3	23.1	34.5	10.1	40.2
All children	%	57.2	35.3	34.9	42.9	33.0	23.2	37.6	14.6	44.3
2006										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44	3 397
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13	6 919
All children	no.	5 536	1 616	1 650	808	359	148	142	57	10 316
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	67.3	42.2	34.8	59.0	38.2	20.4	47.6	17.8	52.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.2	32.6	25.8	29.6	19.5	21.9	33.7	12.4	36.5
All children	%	55.9	33.7	28.1	41.1	24.0	21.7	36.6	16.2	40.5
2005										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 751	214	458	400	82	19	21	45	2 990
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 541	1 121	1 053	337	182	107	92	12	6 445
All children	no.	5 292	1 335	1 511	737	264	126	113	57	9 435
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.9	40.7	35.9	57.8	28.7	24.4	35.0	20.6	52.7
Non-Indigenous	%	53.0	28.9	24.0	29.6	17.4	21.5	32.6	11.3	35.8
All children	%	57.3	30.3	26.7	40.3	19.9	21.9	33.0	17.6	39.8

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

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 (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(b)	Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.									

Source: Tables 15A.25, 15A.37, 15A.49, 15A.61, 15A.73, 15A.85, 15A.97 and 15A.109; 2009 Report, table 15A.21.

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2008 (a), (b), (c)

	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.	2 517	103	399	566	182	14	21	87	3 889
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	409	176	164	94	47	16	14	na	920
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	2 926	279	563	660	229	30	35	87	4 809
Other Indigenous carer	no.	700	144	610	155	124	6	14	48	1 801
Indigenous residential care	no.	8	15	9	25	—	—	4	—	61
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	708	159	619	180	124	6	18	48	1 862
Total children	no.	3 634	438	1 182	840	353	36	53	135	6 671
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	615	182	829	170	77	62	17	146	2 098
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	53	25	74	60	25	4	10	—	251
Total children	no.	668	207	903	230	102	66	27	146	2 349
Independent living/unknown	no.	14	15	—	8	12	—	1	—	50
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281	9 070
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	%	58.5	16.0	19.1	52.9	40.0	13.7	26.3	31.0	43.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.5	27.3	7.9	8.8	10.3	15.7	17.5	na	10.2
Total placed with relative/kin	%	68.0	43.3	27.0	61.7	50.3	29.4	43.8	31.0	53.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	16.3	22.3	29.3	14.5	27.3	5.9	17.5	17.1	20.0
Indigenous residential care	%	0.2	2.3	0.4	2.3	—	—	5.0	—	0.7
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	16.5	24.7	29.7	16.8	27.3	5.9	22.5	17.1	20.6
Total children	%	84.5	67.9	56.7	78.5	77.6	35.3	66.3	48.0	74.0
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 2008 (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	14.3	28.2	39.8	15.9	16.9	60.8	21.3	52.0	23.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	3.9	3.5	5.6	5.5	3.9	12.5	–	2.8
Total children	%	15.5	32.1	43.3	21.5	22.4	64.7	33.8	52.0	26.0
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

(c) Residential care includes family group homes.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.26, 15A.38, 15A.50, 15A.62, 15A.74, 15A.86, 15A.98 and 15A.110; 2009 Report, table 15A.22.

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 2008 (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.	2 948	416	1 568	805	320	73	46	195	6 371
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 058	2 479	3 030	973	818	384	215	63	14 020
All children	no.	9 006	2 895	4 598	1 778	1 138	457	261	258	20 391
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Indigenous	%	99.9	97.4	98.7	92.5	94.7	96.1	97.9	90.7	97.8
Non-Indigenous	%	99.7	96.4	98.4	94.9	91.7	96.7	100.0	80.8	97.8
All children	%	99.7	96.6	98.5	93.8	92.5	96.6	99.6	88.1	97.8

(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; 2009 Report, table 15A.23.

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 (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (d)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support service by Indigenous status								
2003-04								
Indigenous	54	84	20	97	80	14	17	na
Non-Indigenous	74	1 308	79	199	170	49	99	na
All children	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na
2004-05								
Indigenous	55	148	20	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	79	258	66	30	116	na
All children (e)	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Indigenous	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
All children	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
Indigenous	165	210	888	175	21	3	82	29
Non-Indigenous	100	1 531	352	323	39	50	336	32
All children	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2007-08								
Indigenous	178	152	806	104	26	4	91	75
Non-Indigenous	107	906	1 038	267	22	59	348	29
All children (e)	285	5 694	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
2003-04								
Male	68	345	42	128	128	31	61	na
Female	60	285	57	114	121	32	55	na
Unknown	–	762	–	54	1	–	–	na
Total	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na
2004-05								
Male	84	552	57	249	35	29	17	na
Female	67	433	42	197	54	16	15	na
Unknown	–	517	–	–	–	–	96	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Male	122	444	150	230	54	25	na	32
Female	107	387	138	217	45	27	na	25
Unknown	–	1 177	–	2	–	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57

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	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (d)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2006-07								
Male	131	704	535	245	36	23	227	32
Female	134	610	620	246	24	30	191	29
Unknown	–	427	85	7	–	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2007-08								
Male	141	232	890	190	24	44	236	46
Female	144	247	758	152	24	19	203	58
Unknown	–	5 215	196	29	–	–	–	–
Total	285	5 694	1 844	371	48	63	439	104

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

(b) In NSW, each family receives this service for a minimum of 14 hours per week.

(c) Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included.

(d) The count of 'children commencing Intensive Family Support Services' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year.

(e) Includes children for whom Indigenous status is recorded as unknown.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.27.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	60.3	60.7	61.1	61.2	61.5
Vic	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.4
Qld	57.3	58.0	58.4	59.1	59.7
WA	28.7	28.9	29.1	29.3	29.4
SA	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.3
Tas	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.8
ACT	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
NT	23.1	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.5
Australia	202.1	203.7	204.8	206.2	207.4
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 451.6	1 446.0	1 441.0	1 458.6	1 459.2
Vic	1 079.1	1 080.9	1 081.8	1 104.4	1 114.7
Qld	845.0	854.0	864.7	895.5	914.4
WA	427.0	428.5	430.0	443.1	450.3
SA	316.6	314.0	312.8	317.8	319.1
Tas	103.3	102.7	102.5	102.6	102.8
ACT	70.7	69.8	69.4	69.9	70.5
NT	33.2	33.1	33.4	34.7	35.1
Australia	4 326.5	4 329.0	4 335.7	4 426.6	4 466.1
All children					
NSW	1 511.9	1 506.6	1 502.0	1 519.8	1 520.8
Vic	1 091.2	1 093.2	1 094.1	1 116.7	1 127.1
Qld	902.3	912.0	923.1	954.6	974.1
WA	455.8	457.4	459.1	472.4	479.7
SA	327.6	325.2	323.9	329.1	330.4
Tas	111.0	110.4	110.3	110.3	110.5
ACT	72.4	71.6	71.2	71.7	72.3
NT	56.3	56.3	56.8	58.2	58.6
Australia	4 528.6	4 532.7	4 540.5	4 632.8	4 673.5
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	63.3	63.8	64.2	64.6	64.9
Vic	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.1
Qld	60.1	60.9	61.2	62.3	62.9
WA	30.2	30.5	30.7	30.9	31.1
SA	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.9	12.0
Tas	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9
NT	24.4	24.5	24.6	24.8	24.9
Australia	212.4	214.4	215.4	217.6	219.1

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 538.7	1 533.0	1 528.6	1 548.0	1 550.5
Vic	1 144.2	1 146.8	1 148.1	1 173.6	1 185.1
Qld	896.2	905.4	917.4	949.8	971.1
WA	454.3	455.9	457.5	471.2	478.9
SA	336.6	333.9	332.7	338.3	343.0
Tas	109.8	109.1	108.9	108.9	109.3
ACT	75.2	74.3	73.9	74.6	75.1
NT	34.9	34.8	35.1	36.6	37.1
Australia	4 589.9	4 593.2	4 602.1	4 700.9	4 750.1
All children					
NSW	1 602.0	1 596.8	1 592.8	1 612.6	1 615.4
Vic	1 157.0	1 159.7	1 161.0	1 186.6	1 198.2
Qld	956.3	966.3	978.6	1 012.1	1 034.0
WA	484.5	486.4	488.1	502.1	510.0
SA	348.3	345.6	344.4	350.2	355.0
Tas	117.9	117.3	117.1	117.1	117.5
ACT	77.1	76.2	75.7	76.5	77.0
NT	59.2	59.3	59.7	61.4	62.0
Australia	4 802.3	4 807.6	4 817.6	4 918.5	4 969.2

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

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2009 Report, table 15A.30.

Table 15A.15

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

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	60.5	60.8	61.5	61.4	61.7
Vic	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.4
Qld	57.7	58.3	59.3	59.4	59.9
WA	28.8	29.0	29.3	29.3	29.5
SA	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.3	11.3
Tas	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8
ACT	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
NT	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5
Australia	202.9	204.5	206.8	206.8	208.0
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 444.2	1 441.0	1 433.2	1 458.4	1 455.2
Vic	1 078.8	1 079.4	1 083.5	1 104.8	1 117.9
Qld	846.0	856.8	869.8	903.6	916.4
WA	427.5	427.5	432.3	445.1	454.1
SA	316.0	313.4	313.4	318.2	319.7
Tas	103.4	102.7	102.6	102.7	103.0
ACT	70.5	69.8	69.5	70.1	70.7
NT	33.2	33.0	33.4	34.9	35.2
Australia	4 319.6	4 323.7	4 337.6	4 437.8	4 472.4
All children					
NSW	1 504.7	1 501.9	1 494.7	1 519.8	1 516.9
Vic	1 091.0	1 091.6	1 095.9	1 117.2	1 130.3
Qld	903.7	915.1	929.1	963.0	976.3
WA	456.4	456.5	461.5	474.4	483.6
SA	327.1	324.6	324.6	329.4	331.0
Tas	111.1	110.4	110.4	110.5	110.8
ACT	72.3	71.6	71.3	71.9	72.6
NT	56.4	56.3	56.9	58.3	58.8
Australia	4 522.6	4 528.0	4 544.4	4 644.6	4 680.3
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	63.5	64.0	64.8	64.7	65.1
Vic	12.8	12.9	13.1	13.1	13.2
Qld	60.5	61.3	62.4	62.6	63.3
WA	30.4	30.6	30.9	31.0	31.2
SA	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0
Tas	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.8	1.9	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)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
NT	24.5	24.6	24.8	24.8	24.9
Australia	213.4	215.3	218.0	218.3	219.8
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 531.4	1 527.8	1 521.1	1 548.4	1 546.8
Vic	1 144.4	1 145.2	1 150.0	1 174.6	1 188.7
Qld	897.2	908.3	922.8	958.7	973.5
WA	454.9	454.7	459.8	473.4	482.9
SA	336.0	333.2	333.3	338.8	340.5
Tas	109.8	109.0	109.1	109.1	109.6
ACT	75.1	74.2	74.0	74.8	75.4
NT	34.9	34.7	35.0	36.8	37.2
Australia	4 583.7	4 587.0	4 605.2	4 714.5	4 754.6
All children					
NSW	1 594.9	1 591.8	1 585.9	1 613.1	1 611.9
Vic	1 157.3	1 158.1	1 163.1	1 187.7	1 201.9
Qld	957.7	969.6	985.2	1 021.3	1 036.8
WA	485.3	485.3	490.7	504.4	514.1
SA	347.7	345.0	345.2	350.7	352.5
Tas	118.0	117.2	117.3	117.3	117.9
ACT	76.9	76.1	75.9	76.7	77.3
NT	59.3	59.3	59.8	61.6	62.1
Australia	4 797.1	4 802.3	4 823.2	4 932.9	4 974.4

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

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March ; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2009 Report, table 15A.31.

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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>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	na	3 140	6 868	9 401	8 860
Carer/family issues	no.	na	na	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	na	3 871	7 110	11 200	16 007
Total finalised	no.	na	7 011	13 978	20 601	24 867
Investigations in process (f)	no.	na	3 759	1 480	593	702
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	3 470	4 927
Total investigations	no.	na	10 770	15 458	24 664	30 496
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	8 612	6 959
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	na	9 560	9 531	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	na	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	na	20 330	24 989	33 276	37 455
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	na	15.4	27.5	28.3	23.7
Carer/family issues	%	na	na	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	na	19.0	28.5	33.7	42.7
Total finalised	%	na	34.5	55.9	61.9	66.4
Investigations in process (f)	%	na	18.5	5.9	1.8	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	10.4	13.2
Total investigations	%	na	53.0	61.9	74.1	81.4
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	25.9	18.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	na	47.0	38.1	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	na	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (i)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	na	12 353	22 941	27 693	25 275
Carer/family issues	no.	na	na	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	na	21 620	32 415	44 435	56 801
Total finalised	no.	na	33 973	55 356	72 128	82 076
Investigations in process (f)	no.	na	13 829	5 166	2 653	3 295
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	14 809	21 711

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Total investigations	no.	na	47 802	60 522	89 590	107 082
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	67 062	51 062
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	na	65 504	67 295	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	na	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	na	113 306	127 817	156 652	158 144
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	na	10.9	17.9	17.7	16.0
Carer/family issues	%	na	na	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	na	19.1	25.4	28.4	35.9
Total finalised	%	na	30.0	43.3	46.0	51.9
Investigations in process (f)	%	na	12.2	4.0	1.7	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	9.5	13.7
Total investigations	%	na	42.2	47.4	57.2	67.7
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	42.8	32.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	na	57.8	52.6	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	na	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	na	15 493	29 809	37 094	34 135
Carer/family issues	no.	na	na	..	..	—
Not substantiated	no.	na	25 491	39 525	55 635	72 808
Total finalised	no.	na	40 984	69 334	92 729	106 943
Investigations in process (f)	no.	na	17 588	6 646	3 246	3 997
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	18 279	26 638
Total investigations	no.	na	58 572	75 980	114 254	137 578
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	75 674	58 021
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	na	75 064	76 826	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	na	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	115 541	133 636	152 806	189 928	195 599
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	na	11.6	19.5	19.5	17.5

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Carer/family issues	%	na	na	–
Not substantiated	%	na	19.1	25.9	29.3	37.2
Total finalised	%	na	30.7	45.4	48.8	54.7
Investigations in process (f)	%	na	13.2	4.3	1.7	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	9.6	13.6
Total investigations	%	na	43.8	49.7	60.2	70.3
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	39.8	29.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	na	56.2	50.3	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	na	–	–	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.
- (e) 'Carer/family issues' includes children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.33.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, New South Wales (number) (a)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	391	521	556	674
Had prior admissions to orders	na	231	302	357	236
Total children admitted	na	622	823	913	910
Children discharged from orders	na	505	545	458	459
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	1 327	1556	1870	2 104
Had prior admissions to orders	na	588	598	712	600
Total children admitted	na	1 915	2 154	2 582	2 704
Children discharged from orders	na	1 720	1 589	1 509	1 586
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	1 718	2077	2426	2 778
Had prior admissions to orders	na	819	900	1069	836
Total children admitted	na	2 537	2 977	3 495	3 614
Children discharged from orders	na	2 225	2 134	1 967	2 045

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.34.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	na	1 914	2 114	2 505	2 917
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	..	..	..	..	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	199	295	375	463
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	na
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	na	2 113	2 409	2 880	3 380
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d)					
Guardianship or custody orders	na	5 836	5 949	6 614	7 330
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	..	..	..	..	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	671	855	1 145	1 376
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	na
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	na	6 507	6 804	7 759	8 706
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	na	7 750	8 063	9 119	10 247
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	..	..	..	..	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	870	1 150	1 520	1 839
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	na
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	na	8 620	9 213	10 639	12 086

(a) Data exclude children on 'finalised supervisory orders'. Disaggregated data are not available as at 30 June 2008. Supervisory, third party parental responsibility and administrative/voluntary arrangements are reported under finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements.

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

(c) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.35.

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), (d)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	9 310	11 063	13 534	15 756
Non-Indigenous	na	67 952	73 293	85 128	86 172
All children	70 571	77 262	84 356	98 662	101 928
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	153.5	181.2	221.0	256.2
Non-Indigenous	na	47.0	50.9	58.4	59.1
All children	46.7	51.3	56.2	64.9	67.0
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	3 946	6 326	8 568	11 032
Non-Indigenous	na	22 963	30 880	37 659	44 907
All children	na	26 909	37 206	46 227	55 939
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	65.1	103.6	139.9	179.4
Non-Indigenous	na	15.9	21.4	25.8	30.8
All children	na	17.9	24.8	30.4	36.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	1 642	2 696	3 276	3 263
Non-Indigenous	na	7 556	9 931	10 414	9 856
All children	na	9 198	12 627	13 690	13 119
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	27.1	44.2	53.5	53.0
Non-Indigenous	na	5.2	6.9	7.1	6.8
All children	na	6.1	8.4	9.0	8.6
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	2 113	2 409	2 880	3 380
Non-Indigenous	na	6 507	6 804	7 759	8 706
All children	na	8 620	9 213	10 639	12 086
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	na	33.0	37.2	44.5	51.9
Non-Indigenous	na	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.6
All children	na	5.4	5.8	6.6	7.5

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), (d)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(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.					
(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					
na Not available.					

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.36.

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), (c), (d)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (f)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316
Non-Indigenous	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250
All children	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	38.7	39.7	44.7	57.0	66.3
Non-Indigenous	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.3	6.0
All children	5.7	5.8	6.2	7.3	8.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	3 134	3 496	4 234	4 926
Non-Indigenous	na	8 530	8 707	9 832	11 082
All children	na	11 664	12 203	14 066	16 008
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	na	49.1	54.5	65.6	75.9
Non-Indigenous	na	5.6	5.7	6.4	7.1
All children	na	7.3	7.7	8.7	9.9

- (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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (e) 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.
- (f) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.40.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (a)
Indigenous					
Residential care	46	49	52	43	61
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	710	734	886	1 107	1 315
Relative/kinship care	1 685	1 751	1 951	2 526	2 926
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 395	2 485	2 837	3 633	4 241
Independent living (incl. private board)	17	9	8	13	13
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	–	–	1
Total Indigenous children	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Residential care	250	219	206	220	255
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 923	2 886	3 173	3 634	4 133
Relative/kinship care	3 392	3 541	3 585	4 254	4 797
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	3
Total home based	6 315	6 427	6 758	7 888	8 933
Independent living (incl. private board)	113	41	35	46	57
Other (incl. unknown)	8	–	–	–	5
Total non-Indigenous children	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250
All children					
Residential care	296	268	258	263	316
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	3 633	3 620	4 059	4 741	5 448
Relative/kinship care	5 077	5 292	5 536	6 780	7 723
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	3
Total home based	8 710	8 912	9 595	11 521	13 174
Independent living (incl. private board)	130	50	43	59	70
Other (incl. unknown)	9	–	–	–	6
Total all children	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566

(a) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.41.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	na	2 008	2 289	2 719	3 143
Another type of order	na	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	na	535	608	970	1 173
Total Indigenous children	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Care and protection order	na	5 929	6 264	7 100	7 909
Another type of order	na	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	na	758	735	1 054	1 341
Total non-Indigenous children	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250
All children					
Care and protection order	na	7 937	8 553	9 819	11 052
Another type of order	na	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	na	1 293	1 343	2 024	2 514
Total all children	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566

(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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.42.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	na	75	38	44	25
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	36	21	81	92
1 to less than 6 months	na	234	848	444	411
6 months to less than 1 year	na	214	168	445	496
1 to less than 2 years	na	345	312	584	787
2 to less than 5 years	na	769	706	921	1 143
5 years or more	na	866	804	1 170	1 362
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	na	2 464	2 859	3 645	4 291
Not stated/unknown	na	4	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	na	105	88	71	52
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	118	85	206	217
1 to less than 6 months	na	586	1 793	890	960
6 months to less than 1 year	na	600	435	944	1 003
1 to less than 2 years	na	819	668	1 077	1 605
2 to less than 5 years	na	2 056	1 810	1 987	2 197
5 years or more	na	2 358	2 120	2 979	3 216
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	na	6 537	6 911	8 083	9 198
Not stated/unknown	na	45	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250
All children					
Respite	na	180	126	115	77
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	154	106	287	309
1 to less than 6 months	na	820	2 641	1 334	1 371
6 months to less than 1 year	na	814	603	1 389	1 499
1 to less than 2 years	na	1 164	980	1 661	2 392
2 to less than 5 years	na	2 825	2 516	2 908	3 340
5 years or more	na	3 224	2 924	4 149	4 578
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	na	9 001	9 770	11 728	13 489
Not stated/unknown	na	49	–	–	–
Total all children	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.43.

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)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	141	143	159	136
6 months to less than 1 year	na	64	50	57	112
1 to less than 2 years	na	67	58	38	122
2 to less than 5 years	na	107	69	66	78
5 years or more	na	84	105	69	91
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	na	463	425	389	539
Non-Indigenous (c)					
1 to less than 6 months	na	443	395	424	444
6 months to less than 1 year	na	221	220	187	232
1 to less than 2 years	na	218	176	171	229
2 to less than 5 years	na	257	188	176	159
5 years or more	na	206	224	207	264
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	na	1 345	1 203	1 165	1 328
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	584	538	583	580
6 months to less than 1 year	na	285	270	244	344
1 to less than 2 years	na	285	234	209	351
2 to less than 5 years	na	364	257	242	237
5 years or more	na	290	329	276	355
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children	na	1 808	1 628	1 554	1 867

(a) Prior to 2004-05, separate data on children who exited care provided by non government organisations (NGOs) was not available. Estimated 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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.44.

Table 15A.25 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (c)</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	1 685	1 751	1 951	2 526	2 926
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 392	3 541	3 585	4 254	4 797
All children	no.	5 077	5 292	5 536	6 780	7 723
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	68.5	68.9	67.3	68.5	67.8
Non-Indigenous	%	50.7	53.0	51.2	52.2	51.9
All children	%	55.5	57.3	55.9	57.2	56.9

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.45.

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)**

	Unit	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	1 485	1 669	2 233	2 517
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	266	282	293	409
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	na	1 751	1 951	2 526	2 926
Other Indigenous carer	no.	na	443	512	637	700
Indigenous residential care	no.	na	7	9	12	8
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	na	450	521	649	708
Total children	no.	na	2 201	2 472	3 175	3 634
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	na	291	374	470	615
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	na	42	43	31	53
Total children	no.	na	333	417	501	668
Independent living/unknown	no.	na	9	8	13	14
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316
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	%	na	58.6	57.8	60.7	58.5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	10.5	9.8	8.0	9.5
Total placed with relative/kin	%	na	69.1	67.5	68.7	68.0
Other Indigenous carer	%	na	17.5	17.7	17.3	16.3
Indigenous residential care	%	na	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	na	17.8	18.0	17.7	16.5
Total children	%	na	86.9	85.6	86.4	84.5
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	na	11.5	12.9	12.8	14.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	na	1.7	1.5	0.8	1.2
Total children	%	na	13.1	14.4	13.6	15.5
Total Indigenous children in care	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) 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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.46.

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), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	1 769	1 794	2 042	2 563	2 948
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 477	4 515	4 723	5 373	6 058
All children	no.	6 246	6 309	6 765	7 936	9 006
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.3	99.0	99.5	99.9	99.9
Non-Indigenous	%	99.0	99.4	99.6	99.6	99.7
All children	%	99.1	99.2	99.5	99.7	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.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.47.

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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>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	749	816	859	730	706
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	483	396	338	365	335
Total finalised	no.	1 232	1 212	1 197	1 095	1 041
Investigations in process (f)	no.	31	39	20	82	154
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	—	—
Total investigations	no.	1 263	1 251	1 217	1 177	1 195
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	1 709	1 723
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 159	1 246	1 484	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	2 422	2 497	2 701	2 886	2 918
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	30.9	32.7	31.8	25.3	24.2
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.9	15.9	12.5	12.6	11.5
Total finalised	%	50.9	48.5	44.3	37.9	35.7
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.3	1.6	0.7	2.8	5.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	—	—
Total investigations	%	52.1	50.1	45.0	40.8	41.0
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	59.2	59.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	47.9	49.9	55.0	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (i)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	6 663	6 582	6 704	6 098	5 659
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 979	3 692	3 429	3 344	3 380
Total finalised	no.	10 642	10 274	10 133	9 442	9 039
Investigations in process (f)	no.	354	363	544	684	933

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>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	—	..
Total investigations	no.	10 996	10 637	10 678	10 126	9 972
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	25 663	28 717
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	23 538	24 389	24 608	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	34 534	35 026	35 286	35 789	38 689
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.3	18.8	19.0	17.0	14.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	11.5	10.5	9.7	9.3	8.7
Total finalised	%	30.8	29.3	28.7	26.4	23.4
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	—	..
Total investigations	%	31.8	30.4	30.3	28.3	25.8
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	71.7	74.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	68.2	69.6	69.7	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 412	7 398	7 563	6 828	6 365
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 462	4 088	3 767	3 709	3 715
Total finalised	no.	11 874	11 486	11 330	10 537	10 080
Investigations in process (f)	no.	385	402	564	763	1 087
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	—	..
Total investigations	no.	12 259	11 888	11 894	11 300	11 167
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	27 375	30 440
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	24 697	25 635	26 093	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	36 956	37 523	37 987	38 675	41 607

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	20.1	19.7	19.9	17.7	15.3
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	12.1	10.9	9.9	9.6	8.9
Total finalised	%	32.1	30.6	29.8	27.2	24.2
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	—	..
Total investigations	%	33.2	31.7	31.3	29.2	26.8
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	70.8	73.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	66.8	68.3	68.7	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) In Victoria if a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are counted.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Table 15A.28 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
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.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.50.

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	162	213	196	236	227
Had prior admissions to orders	157	197	201	121	163
Total children admitted	319	410	397	357	390
Children discharged from orders	229	226	257	283	285
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 337	1 516	1 458	1 651	1 718
Had prior admissions to orders	1 122	1 154	1 203	926	1 181
Total children admitted	2 459	2 670	2 661	2 577	2 899
Children discharged from orders	1 799	1 806	1 846	2 227	1 901
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 499	1 729	1 654	1 887	1 945
Had prior admissions to orders	1 279	1 351	1 404	1 047	1 344
Total children admitted	2 778	3 080	3 058	2 934	3 289
Children discharged from orders	2 028	2 032	2 103	2 510	2 186

- (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.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.51.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	439	525	550	436	623
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	..	..	..	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	111	137	157	164	305
Interim and temporary orders	24	20	33	23	49
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	574	682	740	623	977
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d)					
Guardianship or custody orders	3 355	3 572	3 772	3 905	4 172
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	..	..	..	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	1 118	1 223	1 274	1 463	2 343
Interim and temporary orders	204	181	198	188	384
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	4 677	4 976	5 244	5 556	6 899
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	3 794	4 097	4 322	4 341	4 795
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	..	..	..	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	1 229	1 360	1 431	1 627	2 648
Interim and temporary orders	228	201	231	211	433
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total all children	5 251	5 658	5 984	6 179	7 876

(a) Permanent care orders are included in the category 'guardianship or 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.

(c) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.52.

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), (d)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 673	1 855	2 007	2 058	2 180
Non-Indigenous	26 261	26 651	27 623	28 183	30 119
All children	27 934	28 506	29 630	30 241	32 299
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	137.8	151.8	163.0	167.1	176.0
Non-Indigenous	24.3	24.7	25.5	25.5	27.0
All children	25.6	26.1	27.1	27.1	28.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 064	1 090	1 107	1 012	964
Non-Indigenous	9 696	9 463	9 447	8 927	8 595
All children	10 760	10 553	10 554	9 939	9 559
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	87.6	89.2	89.9	82.1	77.8
Non-Indigenous	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.1	7.7
All children	9.9	9.7	9.6	8.9	8.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	700	770	834	697	681
Non-Indigenous	6 323	6 244	6 453	5 891	5 481
All children	7 023	7 014	7 287	6 588	6 162
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	57.7	63.0	67.7	56.6	55.0
Non-Indigenous	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.3	4.9
All children	6.4	6.4	6.7	5.9	5.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	574	682	740	623	977
Non-Indigenous	4 677	4 976	5 244	5 556	6 899
All children	5 251	5 658	5 984	6 179	7 876
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	44.7	52.8	56.4	47.6	74.1
Non-Indigenous	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.8
All children	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.2	6.6

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), (d)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.					
(b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.					
(c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.					
(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.53.

Table 15A.32

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), (b)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	531	526	552	626	660
Non-Indigenous	3 778	3 882	4 242	4 426	4 396
All children	4 309	4 408	4 794	5 052	5 056
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	41.4	40.7	42.1	47.8	50.1
Non-Indigenous	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.7
All children	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.2
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 043	1 035	1 103	988	1 021
Non-Indigenous	6 580	6 442	6 692	6 797	6 877
All children	7 623	7 477	7 795	7 785	7 898
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	81.7	80.4	85.2	75.8	77.7
Non-Indigenous	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.8
All children	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.6	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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.57.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (e)
Indigenous					
Residential care	48	35	48	42	41
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	269	247	252	296	309
Relative/kinship care	196	214	233	260	279
Other home based care	18	29	18	26	30
Total home based	483	490	503	582	618
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	2	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	531	526	552	626	660
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Residential care	332	330	299	295	385
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 074	2 201	2 269	2 301	2 163
Relative/kinship care	1 149	1 121	1 383	1 521	1 548
Other home based care	195	209	262	270	278
Total home based	3 418	3 531	3 914	4 092	3 989
Independent living (incl. private board)	28	21	29	39	22
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 778	3 882	4 242	4 426	4 396
All children					
Residential care	380	365	347	337	426
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 343	2 448	2 521	2 597	2 472
Relative/kinship care	1 345	1 335	1 616	1 781	1 827
Other home based care	213	238	280	296	308
Total home based	3 901	4 021	4 417	4 674	4 607
Independent living (incl. private board)	28	22	30	41	23
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	4 309	4 408	4 794	5 052	5 056

(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.

Table 15A.33 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (e)
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- (b) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.
- (c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (e) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.58.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	385	422	409	475	492
Another type of order	7	5	6	7	–
Not on an order	139	99	137	144	168
Total Indigenous children	531	526	552	626	660
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Care and protection order	2 938	3 133	3 389	3 322	3 356
Another type of order	112	117	119	219	–
Not on an order	700	618	734	885	1 040
Total non-Indigenous children	3 750	3 868	4 242	4 426	4 396
All children					
Care and protection order	3 323	3 555	3 798	3 797	3 848
Another type of order	119	122	125	226	–
Not on an order	839	717	871	1 029	1 208
Total all children	4 281	4 394	4 794	5 052	5 056

(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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.59.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	19	5	3	15	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	25	10	13	17	14
1 to less than 6 months	83	70	86	65	89
6 months to less than 1 year	77	66	82	112	94
1 to less than 2 years	73	107	94	130	110
2 to less than 5 years	158	125	147	171	198
5 years or more	94	142	126	116	155
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	510	520	548	611	660
Not stated/unknown	2	1	1	–	–
Total Indigenous children	531	526	552	626	660
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	21	9	9	68	11
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	164	97	68	92	139
1 to less than 6 months	525	483	499	379	470
6 months to less than 1 year	492	418	535	647	460
1 to less than 2 years	593	637	700	903	627
2 to less than 5 years	1 031	1 037	1 113	1 141	1 287
5 years or more	912	1 174	1 308	1 196	1 402
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 717	3 846	4 223	4 358	4 385
Not stated/unknown	42	27	10	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 778	3 882	4 242	4 426	4 396
All children					
Respite	40	14	12	83	11
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	189	107	81	109	153
1 to less than 6 months	608	553	585	444	559
6 months to less than 1 year	569	484	617	759	554
1 to less than 2 years	666	744	794	1 033	737
2 to less than 5 years	1 189	1 162	1 260	1 312	1 485
5 years or more	1 006	1 316	1 434	1 312	1 557
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 227	4 366	4 771	4 969	5 045
Not stated/unknown	42	28	11	–	–
Total all children	4 309	4 408	4 794	5 052	5 056

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
(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, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.					
(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated. – Nil or rounded to zero.					
<i>Source:</i> AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.60.					

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	99	157	158	181	72
6 months to less than 1 year	43	56	47	57	29
1 to less than 2 years	34	45	43	53	32
2 to less than 5 years	25	43	40	44	20
5 years or more	3	17	10	18	20
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	204	318	298	353	173
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	548	891	777	748	505
6 months to less than 1 year	228	351	323	329	193
1 to less than 2 years	203	271	277	296	234
2 to less than 5 years	190	255	213	250	210
5 years or more	87	101	143	116	133
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 256	1 869	1 733	1 739	1 275
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	647	1 048	935	929	577
6 months to less than 1 year	271	407	370	386	222
1 to less than 2 years	237	316	320	349	266
2 to less than 5 years	215	298	253	294	230
5 years or more	90	118	153	134	153
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 460	2 187	2 031	2 092	1 448

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.61.

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), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (d)</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	196	214	233	260	279
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 149	1 121	1 383	1 521	1 548
All children	no.	1 345	1 335	1 616	1 781	1 827
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	36.9	40.7	42.2	41.5	42.3
Non-Indigenous	%	30.4	28.9	32.6	34.4	35.2
All children	%	31.2	30.3	33.7	35.3	36.1

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home 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.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.62.

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), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</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.	98	133	152	125	103
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	81	71	80	102	176
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	179	204	232	227	279
Other Indigenous carer	no.	117	77	102	103	144
Indigenous residential care	no.	12	11	21	19	15
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	129	88	123	122	159
Total children	no.	308	292	355	349	438
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	155	181	166	199	182
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	36	24	27	16	25
Total children	no.	191	205	193	215	207
Independent living/unknown	no.	32	29	4	62	15
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	531	526	552	626	660
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	%	19.6	26.8	27.7	22.2	16.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	16.2	14.3	14.6	18.1	27.3
Total placed with relative/kin	%	35.9	41.0	42.3	40.2	43.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	23.4	15.5	18.6	18.3	22.3
Indigenous residential care	%	2.4	2.2	3.8	3.4	2.3
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	25.9	17.7	22.4	21.6	24.7
Total children	%	61.7	58.8	64.8	61.9	67.9
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	31.1	36.4	30.3	35.3	28.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	7.2	4.8	4.9	2.8	3.9
Total children	%	38.3	41.2	35.2	38.1	32.1
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

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

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Table 15A.38 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
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Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.63.

Table 15A.39

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), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	350	343	335	403	416
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 127	2 196	2 454	2 571	2 479
All children	no.	2 477	2 539	2 789	2 974	2 895
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	96.7	96.9	94.6	97.1	97.4
Non-Indigenous	%	97.0	97.5	98.0	97.7	96.4
All children	%	96.9	97.4	97.6	97.6	96.6

- (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.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.64.

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Table 15A.40

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 864	1 707	1 839	2 096	1 804
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	370	462	810	1 713	1 592
Total finalised (d)	no.	2 234	2 169	2 649	3 809	3 396
Investigations in process (e)	no.	598	1 352	1 582	1 196	1 352
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	148	124	81	152	148
Total investigations	no.	2 980	3 645	4 312	5 157	4 896
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	252	291	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	252	291	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	3 232	3 936	4 312	5 157	4 896
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	57.7	43.4	42.6	40.6	36.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	11.4	11.7	18.8	33.2	32.5
Total finalised (d)	%	69.1	55.1	61.4	73.9	69.4
Investigations in process (e)	%	18.5	34.3	36.7	23.2	27.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	4.6	3.2	1.9	2.9	3.0
Total investigations	%	92.2	92.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	7.8	7.4	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	7.8	7.4	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (g)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	15 609	15 600	11 345	8 012	6 224
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	5 760	5 632	7 564	9 021	8 429
Total finalised (d)	no.	21 369	21 232	18 909	17 033	14 653
Investigations in process (e)	no.	4 422	10 005	9 466	5 322	4 797

Table 15A.40

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 627	1 268	925	999	657
Total investigations	no.	27 418	32 505	29 300	23 354	20 107
Dealt with by other means (f)		4 373	4 388	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 373	4 388	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	31 791	36 893	29 300	23 354	20 107
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	49.1	42.3	38.7	34.3	31.0
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	18.1	15.3	25.8	38.6	41.9
Total finalised (d)	%	67.2	57.6	64.5	72.9	72.9
Investigations in process (e)	%	13.9	27.1	32.3	22.8	23.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	5.1	3.4	3.2	4.3	3.3
Total investigations	%	86.2	88.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	13.8	11.9	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	13.8	11.9	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	17 473	17 307	13 184	10 108	8 028
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	6 130	6 094	8 374	10 734	10 021
Total finalised (d)	no.	23 603	23 401	21 558	20 842	18 049
Investigations in process (e)	no.	5 020	11 357	11 048	6 518	6 149
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 775	1 392	1 006	1 151	805
Total investigations	no.	30 398	36 150	33 612	28 511	25 003
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	4 625	4 679	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 625	4 679	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	35 023	40 829	33 612	28 511	25 003

Table 15A.40

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

	Unit	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	49.9	42.4	39.2	35.5	32.1
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	17.5	14.9	24.9	37.6	40.1
Total finalised (d)	%	67.4	57.3	64.1	73.1	72.2
Investigations in process (e)	%	14.3	27.8	32.9	22.9	24.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	5.1	3.4	3.0	4.0	3.2
Total investigations	%	86.8	88.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	13.2	11.5	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	13.2	11.5	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) From 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.
- (d) This figure excludes those finalised investigations with an assessment outcome of 'No investigation and Assessment Outcome'. This is instead reported in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2006-07. It includes notifications where there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or unsubstantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (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.
- (g) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.67.

Table 15A.41

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

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	307	431	474	na	567
Had prior admissions to orders	271	331	615	na	819
Total children admitted	578	762	1 089	na	1 386
Children discharged from orders	324	454	640	na	na
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 443	1 851	1 651	na	1 360
Had prior admissions to orders	917	1 092	1 332	na	1 566
Total children admitted	2 360	2 943	2 983	na	2 926
Children discharged from orders	1 288	1 664	1 863	na	na
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 750	2 282	2 125	na	1 927
Had prior admissions to orders	1 188	1 423	1 947	na	2 385
Total children admitted	2 938	3 705	4 072	na	4 312
Children discharged from orders	1 612	2 118	2 503	na	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 transition to a new information management system.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.68.

Table 15A.42

Table 15A.42 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland (number)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 041	1 188	1 439	1 589	1 619
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	..	131
Supervisory and other finalised orders	44	65	85	65	114
Interim and temporary orders	61	89	143	261	352
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	1 146	1 342	1 667	1 915	2 216
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)					
Guardianship or custody orders	3 342	3 909	4 145	3 706	3 463
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	..	432
Supervisory and other finalised orders	172	220	265	288	290
Interim and temporary orders	290	386	369	482	639
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	3 804	4 515	4 779	4 476	4 824
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	4 383	5 097	5 584	5 295	5 082
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	..	563
Supervisory and other finalised orders	216	285	350	353	404
Interim and temporary orders	351	475	512	743	991
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	4 950	5 857	6 446	6 391	7 040

(a) From 2008, data for the category 'third party parental responsibility orders' are reported separately. Previously these were counted as a subset of 'guardianship or custody orders'.

(b) Administrative/voluntary arrangements are not applicable in Queensland.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.69.

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 933	2 451	2 936	4 003	4 265
Non-Indigenous	22 871	26 847	22 468	19 817	17 836
All children	24 804	29 298	25 404	23 820	22 101
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	33.7	42.3	50.3	67.7	71.5
Non-Indigenous	27.1	31.4	26.0	22.1	19.5
All children	27.5	32.1	27.5	25.0	22.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations (d)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 445	1 499	1 925	2 957	2 991
Non-Indigenous	15 986	16 242	14 867	14 490	13 084
All children	17 431	17 741	16 792	17 447	16 075
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	25.2	25.8	33.0	50.0	50.1
Non-Indigenous	18.9	19.0	17.2	16.2	14.3
All children	19.3	19.5	18.2	18.3	16.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 192	1 186	1 340	1 725	1 617
Non-Indigenous	11 481	11 700	8 737	7 053	5 660
All children	12 673	12 886	10 077	8 778	7 277
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	20.8	20.4	23.0	29.2	27.1
Non-Indigenous	13.6	13.7	10.1	7.9	6.2
All children	14.0	14.1	10.9	9.2	7.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 146	1 342	1 667	1 915	2 216
Non-Indigenous	3 804	4 515	4 779	4 476	4 824
All children	4 950	5 857	6 446	6 391	7 040
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	18.9	21.9	26.7	30.6	35.0
Non-Indigenous	4.2	5.0	5.2	4.7	5.0
All children	5.2	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.8

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					
(d) This figure excludes those children with a finalised investigation and 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 overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. These finalised investigations have been included in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2007.					

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.70.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (b)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	958	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085
Non-Indigenous	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585
All children	4 413	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	15.8	20.8	24.0	27.9	33.0
Non-Indigenous	3.9	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.7
All children	4.6	5.8	6.0	5.8	6.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 217	1 484	1 790	2 244	2 730
Non-Indigenous	4 483	5 248	5 417	5 836	6 259
All children	5 700	6 732	7 207	8 080	8 989
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	20.2	24.4	29.2	36.0	43.4
Non-Indigenous	5.0	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.4
All children	6.0	7.0	7.4	8.0	8.7

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (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) Figures for 2007 are interim.
- (e) 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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.74.

Table 15A.45

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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (a)
Indigenous					
Residential care	3	7	37	58	83
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	587	810	938	986	1 235
Relative/kinship care	368	458	521	705	767
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	955	1 268	1 459	1 691	2 002
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	958	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Residential care	44	54	188	287	303
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 684	3 275	3 063	2 557	2 803
Relative/kinship care	727	1 053	1 129	1 379	1 479
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	3 411	4 328	4 192	3 936	4 282
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585
All children					
Residential care	47	61	225	345	386
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	3 271	4 085	4 001	3 543	4 038
Relative/kinship care	1 095	1 511	1 650	2 084	2 246
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	4 366	5 596	5 651	5 627	6 284
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	4 413	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670

(a) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.75.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	892	1 149	1 414	1 545	1 847
Another type of order	2	2	–	–	–
Not on an order	64	124	82	204	238
Total Indigenous children	958	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	3 032	3 869	3 909	3 651	3 970
Another type of order	5	–	2	–	–
Not on an order	418	513	469	572	615
Total non-Indigenous children	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585
All children					
Care and protection order	3 924	5 018	5 323	5 196	5 817
Another type of order	7	2	2	–	–
Not on an order	482	637	551	776	853
Total all children	4 413	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.76.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	124	269	325	na	61
1 to less than 6 months	229	297	317	na	279
6 months to less than 1 year	154	171	213	na	267
1 to less than 2 years	155	197	252	na	324
2 to less than 5 years	179	216	257	na	700
5 years or more	117	125	132	na	454
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	958	1 275	1 496	na	2 085
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total Indigenous children	958	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	404	929	847	na	176
1 to less than 6 months	797	889	874	na	576
6 months to less than 1 year	519	616	548	na	513
1 to less than 2 years	618	695	773	na	787
2 to less than 5 years	678	791	853	na	1 315
5 years or more	439	462	485	na	1 218
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	3 455	4 382	4 380	na	4 585
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	528	1 198	1 172	na	237
1 to less than 6 months	1 026	1 186	1 191	na	855
6 months to less than 1 year	673	787	761	na	780
1 to less than 2 years	773	892	1 025	na	1 111
2 to less than 5 years	857	1 007	1 110	na	2 015
5 years or more	556	587	617	na	1 672
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	4 413	5 657	5 876	na	6 670
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total all children	4 413	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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(a) Prior to 2008, QLD was not able to report on the length of time in continuous out-of-home care placement, instead reporting on the length of time in the current out-of-home care placement. From 2008 data refer to the length of time in continuous out-of-home care and is therefore not comparable with previous years.

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.77.

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	56	100	126	180	176
6 months to less than 1 year	23	29	45	59	52
1 to less than 2 years	27	31	84	77	61
2 to less than 5 years	40	44	53	92	99
5 years or more	21	30	49	46	46
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	167	234	357	454	434
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	365	399	361	449	440
6 months to less than 1 year	109	168	178	149	173
1 to less than 2 years	108	174	228	170	189
2 to less than 5 years	92	135	210	203	167
5 years or more	84	98	112	106	141
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	758	974	1 089	1 077	1 110
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	421	499	487	629	616
6 months to less than 1 year	132	197	223	208	225
1 to less than 2 years	135	205	312	247	250
2 to less than 5 years	132	179	263	295	266
5 years or more	105	128	161	152	187
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	925	1 208	1 446	1 531	1 544

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.78.

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>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (c)</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	368	458	521	705	767
Non-Indigenous	no.	727	1 053	1 129	1 379	1 479
All children	no.	1 095	1 511	1 650	2 084	2 246
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	38.4	35.9	34.8	40.3	36.8
Non-Indigenous	%	21.0	24.0	25.8	32.7	32.3
All children	%	24.8	26.7	28.1	34.9	33.7

- (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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.79.

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)**

	Unit	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	326	343	379	401	399
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	42	115	142	167	164
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	368	458	521	568	563
Other Indigenous carer	no.	236	366	400	449	610
Indigenous residential care	no.	3	2	9	6	9
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	239	368	409	455	619
Total children	no.	607	826	930	1 023	1 182
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	351	444	538	674	829
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	5	28	52	74
Total children	no.	351	449	566	726	903
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	958	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085
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	%	34.0	26.9	25.3	22.9	19.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	4.4	9.0	9.5	9.5	7.9
Total placed with relative/kin	%	38.4	35.9	34.8	32.5	27.0
Other Indigenous carer	%	24.6	28.7	26.7	25.7	29.3
Indigenous residential care	%	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	24.9	28.9	27.3	26.0	29.7
Total children	%	63.4	64.8	62.2	58.5	56.7
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	36.6	34.8	36.0	38.5	39.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	0.4	1.9	3.0	3.5
Total children	%	36.6	35.2	37.8	41.5	43.3
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.80.

Table 15A.51

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>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	685	923	1 105	1 326	1 568
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 426	3 072	2 979	2 768	3 030
All children	no.	3 111	3 995	4 084	4 094	4 598
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.9	99.9	99.5	99.2	98.7
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	99.6	98.6	97.5	98.4
All children	%	99.6	99.7	98.9	98.0	98.5

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.81.

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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>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	351	385	332	479	546
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	267	365	396	447	604
Total finalised	no.	618	750	728	926	1 150
Investigations in process (e)	no.	118	316	353	379	293
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	48	52
Total investigations	no.	736	1 066	1 081	1 353	1 495
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	..	1 246	1 591
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	29	21	41	..	..
Total notifications	no.	765	1 087	1 122	2 599	3 086
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	45.9	35.4	29.6	18.4	17.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	34.9	33.6	35.3	17.2	19.6
Total finalised	%	80.8	69.0	64.9	35.6	37.3
Investigations in process (e)	%	15.4	29.1	31.5	14.6	9.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	1.8	1.7
Total investigations	%	96.2	98.1	96.3	52.1	48.4
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	..	47.9	51.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.8	1.9	3.7	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (h)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	617	719	628	754	918
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	789	922	994	1 252	1 424
Total finalised	no.	1 406	1 641	1 622	2 006	2 342
Investigations in process (e)	no.	176	455	487	441	415

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Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	102	131
Total investigations	no.	1 582	2 096	2 109	2 549	2 888
Dealt with by other means (g)		..	..	..	2 552	3 003
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	70	23	84	..	..
Total notifications	no.	1 652	2 119	2 193	5 101	5 891
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	37.3	33.9	28.6	14.8	15.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	47.8	43.5	45.3	24.5	24.2
Total finalised	%	85.1	77.4	74.0	39.3	39.8
Investigations in process (e)	%	10.7	21.5	22.2	8.6	7.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	2.0	2.2
Total investigations	%	95.8	98.9	96.2	50.0	49.0
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	..	50.0	51.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	4.2	1.1	3.8	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	968	1 104	960	1 233	1 464
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Not substantiated	no.	1 056	1 287	1 390	1 699	2 028
Total finalised	no.	2 024	2 391	2 350	2 932	3 492
Investigations in process (e)	no.	294	771	840	820	708
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	150	183
Total investigations	no.	2 318	3 162	3 190	3 902	4 383
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	..	3 798	4 594
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	99	44	125
Total notifications	no.	2 417	3 206	3 315	7 700	8 977

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Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	40.0	34.4	29.0	16.0	16.3
Carer/family issues	%	–
Not substantiated	%	43.7	40.1	41.9	22.1	22.6
Total finalised	%	83.7	74.6	70.9	38.1	38.9
Investigations in process (e)	%	12.2	24.0	25.3	10.6	7.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	1.9	2.0
Total investigations	%	95.9	98.6	96.2	50.7	48.8
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	49.3	51.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	4.1	1.4	3.8	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable. For WA however, investigations may include some situations where the child was not sighted.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (d) The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'. In 2006-07, these figures included 20 cases where an investigation was conducted and no suitable caregiver was found.
- (h) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.84.

Table 15A.53

Table 15A.53 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	167	188	281	502	498
Had prior admissions to orders	3	4	45	80	126
Total children admitted	170	192	326	582	624
Children discharged from orders	63	63	63	157	170
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	262	299	363	661	744
Had prior admissions to orders	9	22	64	119	200
Total children admitted	271	321	427	780	944
Children discharged from orders	156	192	180	265	272
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	429	487	644	1 163	1 242
Had prior admissions to orders	12	26	109	199	326
Total children admitted	441	513	753	1 362	1 568
Children discharged from orders	221	255	243	422	442

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.85.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2006	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	513	556	659	818	1 012
Third party parental responsibility orders (e)	..	..	..	..	24
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	1	23	39
Interim and temporary orders	70	104	138	250	204
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	583	660	798	1 091	1 279
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (f)					
Guardianship or custody orders	922	961	1 032	1 206	1 367
Third party parental responsibility orders (e)	..	..	..	..	38
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	2	42	81
Interim and temporary orders	134	162	214	290	329
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	1 056	1 123	1 248	1 538	1 815
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 435	1 517	1 691	2 024	2 379
Third party parental responsibility orders (e)	..	..	..	..	62
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	3	65	120
Interim and temporary orders	204	266	352	540	533
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total all children	1 639	1 783	2 046	2 629	3 094

(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.

(e) This category is included for the first time in this Report.

(f) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.86.

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), (c)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications (d)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	688	968	1 017	2 262	2 657
Non-Indigenous	1 550	1 960	2 032	4 654	5 222
All children	2 238	2 928	3 049	6 916	7 879
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	23.9	33.5	35.0	77.3	90.3
Non-Indigenous	3.6	4.6	4.7	10.5	11.6
All children	4.9	6.4	6.6	14.6	16.4
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	571	677	760	922	1 145
Non-Indigenous	1 335	1 537	1 653	1 995	2 328
All children	1 906	2 214	2 413	2 917	3 473
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	19.9	23.4	26.1	31.5	38.9
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.6	3.8	4.5	5.2
All children	4.2	4.8	5.3	6.2	7.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	322	353	316	438	520
Non-Indigenous	599	682	603	716	863
All children	921	1 035	919	1 154	1 383
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	11.2	12.2	10.9	15.0	17.7
Non-Indigenous	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.9
All children	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders (e)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	583	660	798	1 091	1 279
Non-Indigenous	1 056	1 123	1 248	1 538	1 815
All children	1 639	1 783	2 046	2 629	3 094
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	19.2	21.6	25.8	35.2	41.0
Non-Indigenous	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.8
All children	3.4	3.7	4.2	5.2	6.0

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), (c)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(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)	Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.				
(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)	Implementation of the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i> 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 (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.87.

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), (c)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (f)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	587	692	766	978	1 078
Non-Indigenous	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468
All children	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	19.3	22.6	24.8	31.6	34.6
Non-Indigenous	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.0
All children	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.7	5.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	836	925	988	1 226	1 347
Non-Indigenous	1 477	1 564	1 556	1 765	1 915
All children	2 313	2 489	2 544	2 991	3 262
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	27.6	30.3	32.2	39.7	43.3
Non-Indigenous	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.7	4.0
All children	4.8	5.1	5.2	6.0	6.4

- (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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.91.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)
Indigenous					
Residential care	57	39	38	50	41
Family group homes	..	24	25	33	44
Home based care					
Foster care	204	217	238	304	334
Relative/kinship care	319	400	452	573	651
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	..
Total home based	523	617	690	877	985
Independent living (incl. private board)	4	5	4	5	7
Other (incl. unknown)	3	7	9	13	1
Total indigenous children	587	692	766	978	1 078
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Residential care	104	85	74	89	104
Family group homes	..	19	17	14	7
Home based care					
Foster care	652	665	728	822	847
Relative/kinship care	304	337	356	444	485
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	..
Total home based	956	1 002	1 084	1 266	1 332
Independent living (incl. private board)	28	21	17	12	16
Other (incl. unknown)	6	10	10	12	9
Total non-indigenous children	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468
All children					
Residential care	161	124	112	139	145
Family group homes	..	43	42	47	51
Home based care					
Foster care	856	882	966	1 126	1 181
Relative/kinship care	623	737	808	1 017	1 136
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	..
Total home based	1 479	1 619	1 774	2 143	2 317
Independent living (incl. private board)	32	26	21	17	23
Other (incl. unknown)	9	17	19	25	10
Total children	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546

- (a) Western Australia reported children in Family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005.
- (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.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Table 15A.57 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)
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.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.92.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	518	601	713	935	1 049
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	..
Not on an order	69	91	53	43	29
Total Indigenous children	587	692	766	978	1 078
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	917	975	1 105	1 327	1 421
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	..
Not on an order	177	162	97	66	47
Total non-Indigenous children	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468
All children					
Care and protection order	1 435	1 576	1 818	2 262	2 470
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	..
Not on an order	246	253	150	109	76
Total all children	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.93.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	21	16	9	23	14
1 to less than 6 months	44	82	108	136	81
6 months to less than 1 year	43	77	65	125	146
1 to less than 2 years	89	90	124	154	249
2 to less than 5 years	197	203	220	256	306
5 years or more	193	224	240	284	282
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	587	692	766	978	1 078
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	587	692	766	978	1 078
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	29	24	37	33	20
1 to less than 6 months	71	93	100	174	151
6 months to less than 1 year	106	134	112	146	176
1 to less than 2 years	176	142	166	197	243
2 to less than 5 years	328	332	344	374	392
5 years or more	384	412	437	469	486
Not stated/unknown	–	–	6	–	–
Total non-respite	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	50	40	46	56	34
1 to less than 6 months	115	175	208	310	232
6 months to less than 1 year	149	211	177	271	322
1 to less than 2 years	265	232	291	351	492
2 to less than 5 years	525	535	572	630	698
5 years or more	577	636	674	753	768
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546

(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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.94.

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)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	38	27	32	20	27
6 months to less than 1 year	9	16	12	23	16
1 to less than 2 years	11	5	17	9	11
2 to less than 5 years	23	29	20	20	45
5 years or more	20	32	24	35	47
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	101	109	105	107	146
Non-Indigenous (c)					
1 to less than 6 months	67	70	52	39	47
6 months to less than 1 year	32	27	40	31	36
1 to less than 2 years	26	40	37	23	17
2 to less than 5 years	46	71	50	50	61
5 years or more	47	61	67	68	83
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	218	269	246	211	244
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	105	97	84	59	74
6 months to less than 1 year	41	43	52	54	52
1 to less than 2 years	37	45	54	32	28
2 to less than 5 years	69	100	70	70	106
5 years or more	67	93	91	103	130
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	319	378	351	318	390

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

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.95.

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), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (d)</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	319	400	452	573	651
Non-Indigenous	no.	304	337	356	444	485
All children	no.	623	737	808	1 017	1 136
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	54.3	57.8	59.0	58.6	60.4
Non-Indigenous	%	27.8	29.6	29.6	31.9	33.0
All children	%	37.1	40.3	41.1	42.9	44.6

- (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) 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.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.96.

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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</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.	282	345	394	512	566
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	33	55	64	82	94
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	315	400	458	594	660
Other Indigenous carer	no.	127	143	143	156	155
Indigenous residential care	no.	28	25	18	21	25
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	155	168	161	177	180
Total children	no.	470	568	619	771	840
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	81	77	92	133	170
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	29	38	45	62	60
Total children	no.	110	115	137	195	230
Independent living/unknown	no.	7	9	10	12	8
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	587	692	766	978	1 078
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	%	48.6	50.5	52.1	53.0	52.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.7	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.8
Total placed with relative/kin	%	54.3	58.6	60.6	61.5	61.7
Other Indigenous carer	%	21.9	20.9	18.9	16.1	14.5
Indigenous residential care	%	4.8	3.7	2.4	2.2	2.3
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	26.7	24.6	21.3	18.3	16.8
Total children	%	81.0	83.2	81.9	79.8	78.5
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	14.0	11.3	12.2	13.8	15.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.0	5.6	6.0	6.4	5.6
Total children	%	19.0	16.8	18.1	20.2	21.5
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous carer'.

(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.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.97.

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), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	403	480	541	709	805
Non-Indigenous	no.	655	700	773	900	973
All children	no.	1 058	1 180	1 314	1 609	1 778
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	89.8	91.8	92.8	92.4	92.5
Non-Indigenous	%	92.4	93.0	94.8	94.9	94.9
All children	%	91.4	92.5	94.0	93.8	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.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.98.

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Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	633	736	464	625	737
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	707	977	675	965	807
Total finalised	no.	1 340	1 713	1 139	1 590	1 544
Investigations in process (d)	no.	10	3	19	13	2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations	no.	1 350	1 716	1 158	1 603	1 546
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	..	2 457	2 631
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 375	1 864	1 838	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	–	–	–	..	..
Total notifications	no.	2 725	3 580	2 996	4 060	4 177
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	23.2	20.6	15.5	15.4	17.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	25.9	27.3	22.5	23.8	19.3
Total finalised	%	49.2	47.8	38.0	39.2	37.0
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations	%	49.5	47.9	38.7	39.5	37.0
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	..	60.5	63.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	50.5	52.1	61.3	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–	–	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (g)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 857	1 648	1 391	1 617	1 594
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 186	2 889	2 249	2 524	2 299
Total finalised	no.	5 043	4 537	3 640	4 141	3 893
Investigations in process (d)	no.	52	26	44	62	14
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	..

Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Total investigations	no.	5 095	4 563	3 684	4 203	3 907
Dealt with by other means (f)		..	..	..	10 171	12 763
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	7 097	9 330	8 389	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	12 192	13 893	12 073	14 374	16 670
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.2	11.9	11.5	11.2	9.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	26.1	20.8	18.6	17.6	13.8
Total finalised	%	41.4	32.7	30.1	28.8	23.4
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations	%	41.8	32.8	30.5	29.2	23.4
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	..	70.8	76.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	58.2	67.2	69.5	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	2 490	2 384	1 855	2 242	2 331
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Not substantiated	no.	3 893	3 866	2 924	3 489	3 106
Total finalised	no.	6 383	6 250	4 779	5 731	5 437
Investigations in process (d)	no.	62	29	63	75	16
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations	no.	6 445	6 279	4 842	5 806	5 453
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	..	12 628	15 394
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	8 472	11 194	10 227	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	..	..
Total notifications	no.	14 917	17 473	15 069	18 434	20 847
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	16.7	13.6	12.3	12.2	11.2

Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Carer/family issues	%	–
Not substantiated	%	26.1	22.1	19.4	18.9	14.9
Total finalised	%	42.8	35.8	31.7	31.1	26.1
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%
Total investigations	%	43.2	35.9	32.1	31.5	26.2
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	68.5	73.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	56.8	64.1	67.9	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–	–
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted.
- (b) 'Notifier concern reports' are excluded from the count of total notifications because concern reports are not reported.
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (d) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (e) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (f) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (g) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.101.

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, South Australia (number)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	78	87	88	125	164
Had prior admissions to orders	55	77	111	100	151
Total children admitted	133	164	199	225	315
Children discharged from orders	141	186	58	72	93
Non-Indigenous (a)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	374	292	244	307	475
Had prior admissions to orders	157	290	347	356	372
Total children admitted	531	582	591	663	847
Children discharged from orders	610	698	251	214	401
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	452	379	332	432	639
Had prior admissions to orders	212	367	458	456	523
Total children admitted	664	746	790	888	1 162
Children discharged from orders	751	884	309	286	494

(a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.102.

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) (a)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	256	296	354	416	475
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	na	na	na	na	9
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	..	..	–
Interim and temporary orders	19	26	24	24	26
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	na	na	na	na	30
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	275	322	378	440	540
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 109	1 150	1 202	1 379	1 472
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	na	na	na	na	30
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	..	..	4
Interim and temporary orders	71	81	91	62	98
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	na	na	na	na	53
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	1 180	1 231	1 293	1 441	1 657
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 365	1 446	1 556	1 795	1 947
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	na	na	na	na	39
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	..	..	4
Interim and temporary orders	90	107	115	86	124
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	na	na	na	na	83
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total all children	1 455	1 553	1 671	1 881	2 197

(a) Third party parental responsibility orders and administrative/voluntary arrangements used to be reported under guardianship or custody orders.

(b) This category included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.103.

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), (e)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 634	1 904	1 814	2 222	2 397
Non-Indigenous	8 160	9 151	8 337	9 773	11 200
All children	9 794	11 055	10 151	11 995	13 597
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	147.7	170.9	162.6	197.6	212.3
Non-Indigenous	25.8	29.1	26.7	30.7	35.1
All children	29.9	34.0	31.3	36.4	41.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	887	980	793	1 036	1 024
Non-Indigenous	3 774	3 300	2 752	3 201	2 938
All children	4 661	4 280	3 545	4 237	3 962
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	80.2	87.9	71.1	92.1	90.7
Non-Indigenous	11.9	10.5	8.8	10.1	9.2
All children	14.2	13.2	10.9	12.9	12.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	441	481	360	439	547
Non-Indigenous	1 499	1 317	1 101	1 314	1 272
All children	1 940	1 798	1 461	1 753	1 819
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	39.9	43.2	32.3	39.0	48.4
Non-Indigenous	4.7	4.2	3.5	4.1	4.0
All children	5.9	5.5	4.5	5.3	5.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	275	322	378	440	540
Non-Indigenous	1 180	1 231	1 293	1 441	1 657
All children	1 455	1 553	1 671	1 881	2 197
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	23.5	27.3	31.8	36.9	45.2
Non-Indigenous	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.9
All children	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.4	6.2

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), (e)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(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.					
(e) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.104.

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 (a)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (b)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	236	286	359	405	467
Non-Indigenous	968	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374
All children	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	20.2	24.3	30.2	34.0	39.1
Non-Indigenous	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.0
All children	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.8	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	433	457	497	600	603
Non-Indigenous	1 572	1 486	1 517	1 669	1 776
All children	2 005	1 943	2 014	2 269	2 379
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	37.2	38.9	42.2	50.5	50.3
Non-Indigenous	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.2
All children	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.5	6.7

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.108.

Table 15A.69

Table 15A.69 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number)

	2004	2005	2006 (a)	2007	2008 (b)
Indigenous					
Residential care	2	4	4	18	25
Family group homes	–	9	18	–	–
Home based care					
Foster care	182	191	200	199	201
Relative/kinship care	52	82	137	180	229
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	234	273	337	379	430
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	4	5
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	4	7
Total Indigenous children	236	286	359	405	467
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Residential care	44	36	46	123	141
Family group homes	13	45	57	–	–
Home based care					
Foster care	763	776	810	711	710
Relative/kinship care	142	182	222	373	434
Other home based care	6	4	3	3	4
Total home based	911	962	1 035	1 087	1 148
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	5	20
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	58	65
Total non-Indigenous children	968	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374
All children					
Residential care	46	40	50	141	166
Family group homes	13	54	75	–	–
Home based care					
Foster care	945	967	1 010	910	911
Relative/kinship care	194	264	359	553	663
Other home based care	6	4	3	3	4
Total home based	1 145	1 235	1 372	1 466	1 578
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	9	25
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	62	72
Total all children	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841

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

(b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero

Table 15A.69 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number)

	2004	2005	2006 (a)	2007	2008 (b)
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Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.109.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	195	230	292	354	416
Another type of order	41	14	14	15	17
Not on an order	–	42	53	36	34
Total Indigenous children	236	286	359	405	467
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	833	941	994	1 109	1 341
Another type of order	135	46	66	83	17
Not on an order	–	56	78	81	16
Total non-Indigenous children	968	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374
All children					
Care and protection order	1 028	1 171	1 286	1 463	1 757
Another type of order	176	60	80	98	34
Not on an order	–	98	131	117	50
Total all children	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.110.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	1	–	3	1	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	11	10	13	24	–
1 to less than 6 months	25	60	72	63	24
6 months to less than 1 year	31	33	40	60	33
1 to less than 2 years	41	45	68	71	67
2 to less than 5 years	65	70	86	103	50
5 years or more	62	68	77	83	293
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	235	286	356	404	467
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	236	286	359	405	467
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Respite	3	1	4	7	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	52	44	62	73	1
1 to less than 6 months	185	160	208	224	95
6 months to less than 1 year	120	160	147	192	68
1 to less than 2 years	169	201	208	214	188
2 to less than 5 years	208	248	283	313	144
5 years or more	231	229	226	250	878
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	965	1 042	1 134	1 266	1 374
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	968	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374
All children					
Respite	4	1	7	8	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	63	54	75	97	1
1 to less than 6 months	210	220	280	287	119
6 months to less than 1 year	151	193	187	252	101
1 to less than 2 years	210	246	276	285	255
2 to less than 5 years	273	318	369	416	194
5 years or more	293	297	303	333	1 171
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 200	1 328	1 490	1 670	1 841
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.111.

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	35	35	23	56	24
6 months to less than 1 year	8	8	5	21	13
1 to less than 2 years	12	11	7	10	12
2 to less than 5 years	7	5	8	16	11
5 years or more	9	9	9	12	15
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	71	68	52	115	75
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	109	56	54	101	80
6 months to less than 1 year	33	29	28	39	50
1 to less than 2 years	44	38	49	36	42
2 to less than 5 years	36	35	41	37	29
5 years or more	53	35	47	37	43
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	275	193	219	250	244
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	144	91	77	157	104
6 months to less than 1 year	41	37	33	60	63
1 to less than 2 years	56	49	56	46	54
2 to less than 5 years	43	40	49	53	40
5 years or more	62	44	56	49	58
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	346	261	271	365	319

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.112.

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), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	52	82	137	180	229
Non-Indigenous	no.	142	182	222	373	434
All children	no.	194	264	359	553	663
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	22.0	28.7	38.2	44.4	49.0
Non-Indigenous	%	14.7	17.4	19.5	29.3	31.6
All children	%	16.1	19.9	24.0	33.0	36.0

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.113.

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**

	<i>Unit</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	37	70	109	140	182
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	15	12	28	40	47
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	52	82	137	180	229
Other Indigenous carer	no.	131	136	138	136	124
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	131	136	138	136	124
Total children	no.	183	218	275	316	353
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	51	64	62	63	77
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	2	4	22	18	25
Total children	no.	53	68	84	81	102
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	8	12
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	236	286	359	405	467
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	%	15.7	24.5	30.4	35.3	40.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	6.4	4.2	7.8	10.1	10.3
Total placed with relative/kin	%	22.0	28.7	38.2	45.3	50.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	55.5	47.6	38.4	34.3	27.3
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	55.5	47.6	38.4	34.3	27.3
Total children	%	77.5	76.2	76.6	79.6	77.6
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	21.6	22.4	17.3	15.9	16.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	0.8	1.4	6.1	4.5	5.5
Total children	%	22.5	23.8	23.4	20.4	22.4
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.114.

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), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	156	189	242	271	320
Non-Indigenous	no.	590	629	708	749	818
All children	no.	746	818	950	1 020	1 138
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.4	98.4	96.8	96.4	94.7
Non-Indigenous	%	99.0	97.8	96.2	89.8	91.7
All children	%	99.1	98.0	96.3	91.5	92.5

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.115.

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Table 15A.76

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	13	43	45	47	47
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	5	19	35	19	19
Total finalised	no.	18	62	80	66	66
Investigations in process (e)	no.	6	12	46	61	28
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	26	30
Total investigations	no.	24	74	126	153	124
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	..	292	251
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1	131	271	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	25	7	..	..
Total notifications (h)	no.	25	230	404	445	375
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	52.0	18.7	11.1	10.6	12.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	20.0	8.3	8.7	4.3	5.1
Total finalised	%	72.0	27.0	19.8	14.8	17.6
Investigations in process (e)	%	24.0	5.2	11.4	13.7	7.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	5.8	8.0
Total investigations	%	96.0	32.2	31.2	34.4	33.1
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	..	65.6	66.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	4.0	57.0	67.1	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	10.9	1.7	..	..
Total notifications (h)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (i)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	414	739	748	1 205	1 167
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	503	532	590	566	853
Total finalised	no.	917	1 271	1 338	1 771	2 020
Investigations in process (e)	no.	353	488	2 360	1 742	210

Table 15A.76

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	911	903
Total investigations	no.	1 270	1 759	3 698	4 424	3 133
Dealt with by other means (g)		..	..	..	9 629	9 355
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	3 410	6 661	7 863	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	2 543	2 138	1 064	..	..
Total notifications (h)	no.	7 223	10 558	12 625	14 053	12 488
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	5.7	7.0	5.9	8.6	9.3
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	7.0	5.0	4.7	4.0	6.8
Total finalised	%	12.7	12.0	10.6	12.6	16.2
Investigations in process (e)	%	4.9	4.6	18.7	12.4	1.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	6.5	7.2
Total investigations	%	17.6	16.7	29.3	31.5	25.1
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	..	68.5	74.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	47.2	63.1	62.3	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	35.2	20.3	8.4	..	..
Total notifications (h)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	427	782	793	1 252	1 214
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	-
Not substantiated	no.	508	551	625	585	872
Total finalised	no.	935	1 333	1 418	1 837	2 086
Investigations in process (e)	no.	359	500	2 406	1 803	238
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	937	933
Total investigations	no.	1 294	1 833	3 824	4 577	3 257
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	..	9 921	9 606
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	3 411	6 792	8 134	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	2 543	2 163	1 071	..	..
Total notifications	no.	7 248	10 788	13 029	14 498	12 863

Table 15A.76

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

	Unit	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	5.9	7.2	6.1	8.6	9.4
Carer/family issues	%	–
Not substantiated	%	7.0	5.1	4.8	4.0	6.8
Total finalised	%	12.9	12.4	10.9	12.7	16.2
Investigations in process (e)	%	5.0	4.6	18.5	12.4	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	6.5	7.3
Total investigations	%	17.9	17.0	29.3	31.6	25.3
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	68.4	74.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	47.1	63.0	62.4	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	35.1	20.1	8.2	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.
- (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. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (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) 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) 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'.
- (h) 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.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.118.

Table 15A.77

Table 15A.77 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	28	5	48	33	29
Had prior admissions to orders	27	27	46	75	71
Total children admitted	55	32	94	108	100
Children discharged from orders	23	19	27	28	57
Non-Indigenous (a)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	178	214	295	266	231
Had prior admissions to orders	297	115	184	208	242
Total children admitted	475	329	479	474	473
Children discharged from orders	247	137	206	268	224
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	206	219	343	299	260
Had prior admissions to orders	324	142	230	283	313
Total children admitted	530	361	573	582	573
Children discharged from orders	270	156	233	296	281

(a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.119.

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.78 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	74	82	107	134	122
Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	6	–	6	6	5
Interim and temporary orders	3	12	12	24	12
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	..	–
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	83	94	125	164	139
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)					
Guardianship or custody orders	472	509	586	620	657
Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	20	30	26	26	19
Interim and temporary orders	59	83	96	87	84
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	..	15
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	551	622	708	733	775
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	546	591	693	754	779
Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	26	30	32	32	24
Interim and temporary orders	62	95	108	111	96
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	..	15
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	634	716	833	897	914

(a) Data included for the first time in the 2009 Report. Tasmania is not able to identify children under 'Third party parental responsibility' arrangements. These children are included under the 'Guardianship or custody orders' category.

(b) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.120.

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	15	87	119	146	196
Non-Indigenous	5 200	5 678	6 466	7 180	7 314
All children	5 215	5 765	6 585	7 326	7 510
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	1.9	11.3	15.4	18.8	25.2
Non-Indigenous	50.3	55.3	63.1	70.0	71.2
All children	47.0	52.2	59.7	66.4	67.9
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	15	50	52	42	55
Non-Indigenous	668	1 004	1 086	1 123	1 517
All children	683	1 054	1 138	1 165	1 572
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	1.9	6.5	6.7	5.4	7.1
Non-Indigenous	6.5	9.8	10.6	11.0	14.8
All children	6.2	9.5	10.3	10.6	14.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	12	37	34	31	39
Non-Indigenous	317	599	616	768	881
All children	329	636	650	799	920
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	1.6	4.8	4.4	4.0	5.0
Non-Indigenous	3.1	5.8	6.0	7.5	8.6
All children	3.0	5.8	5.9	7.2	8.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	83	94	125	164	139
Non-Indigenous	551	622	708	733	775
All children	634	716	833	897	914
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	10.2	11.5	15.2	19.9	16.9
Non-Indigenous	5.0	5.7	6.5	6.7	7.1
All children	5.4	6.1	7.1	7.6	7.8

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(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) Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.					
(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.121.

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), (c), (d)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	55	78	98	113	102
Non-Indigenous	432	498	585	554	562
All children	487	576	683	667	664
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	6.7	9.5	11.9	13.7	12.4
Non-Indigenous	3.9	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.1
All children	4.1	4.9	5.8	5.7	5.6
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	78	74	134	158	150
Non-Indigenous	591	587	846	806	818
All children	669	661	980	964	968
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)					
Indigenous	9.6	9.1	16.3	19.2	18.2
Non-Indigenous	5.4	5.4	7.8	7.4	7.5
All children	5.7	5.6	8.4	8.2	8.2

- (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.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.125.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)
Indigenous					
Residential care	–	–	7	10	4
Family group homes	13	10	11	4	6
Home based care					
Foster care	10	29	54	69	55
Relative/kinship care	16	19	20	27	30
Other home based care	9	14	1	2	7
Total home based	35	62	75	98	92
Independent living (incl. private board)	3	4	3	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	4	2	2	1	–
Total Indigenous children	55	78	98	113	102
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Residential care	–	–	23	25	16
Family group homes	41	48	30	26	30
Home based care					
Foster care	207	249	305	328	322
Relative/kinship care	97	107	128	128	150
Other home based care	40	56	48	43	34
Total home based	344	412	481	499	506
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	21	35	–	2
Other (incl. unknown)	20	17	16	4	8
Total non-Indigenous children	432	498	585	554	562
All children					
Residential care	–	–	30	35	20
Family group homes	54	58	41	30	36
Home based care					
Foster care	217	278	359	397	377
Relative/kinship care	113	126	148	155	180
Other home based care	49	70	49	45	41
Total home based	379	474	556	597	598
Independent living (incl. private board)	30	25	38	–	2
Other (incl. unknown)	24	19	18	5	8
Total all children	487	576	683	667	664

- (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.
- (b) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)
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(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.126.

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), (c)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	54	76	97	111	102
Another type of order	–	1	–	–	–
Not on an order	1	1	1	2	–
Total Indigenous children	55	78	98	113	102
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Care and protection order	432	490	549	547	562
Another type of order	–	–	1	2	–
Not on an order	–	8	35	5	–
Total non-Indigenous children	432	498	585	554	562
All children					
Care and protection order	486	566	646	658	664
Another type of order	–	1	1	2	–
Not on an order	1	9	36	7	–
Total all children	487	576	683	667	664

- (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.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.127.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	4	13	–	6	1
1 to less than 6 months	26	29	22	13	11
6 months to less than 1 year	11	11	18	14	10
1 to less than 2 years	8	16	16	32	17
2 to less than 5 years	6	6	29	30	43
5 years or more	–	3	13	18	20
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	55	78	98	113	102
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	55	78	98	113	102
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	62	54	30	21	13
1 to less than 6 months	145	183	84	50	46
6 months to less than 1 year	94	101	88	83	77
1 to less than 2 years	53	78	101	104	101
2 to less than 5 years	50	43	158	183	175
5 years or more	26	36	124	113	150
Not stated/unknown	1	3	–	–	–
Total non-respite	431	498	585	554	562
Not stated/unknown	1	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	432	498	585	554	562
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	66	67	30	27	14
1 to less than 6 months	171	212	106	63	57
6 months to less than 1 year	105	112	106	97	87
1 to less than 2 years	61	94	117	136	118
2 to less than 5 years	56	49	187	213	218
5 years or more	26	39	137	131	170
Not stated/unknown	1	3	–	–	–
Total non-respite	486	576	683	667	664
Not stated/unknown	1	–	–	–	–
Total all children	487	576	683	667	664

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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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.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.128.

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	15	12	20
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	6	10	1
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	1	5	7
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	4	4	5
5 years or more	na	na	2	1	6
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total children	na	na	28	32	39
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	88	79	55
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	15	25	39
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	34	24	33
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	19	17	42
5 years or more	na	na	14	12	16
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total children	na	na	170	157	185
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	103	91	75
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	21	35	40
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	35	29	40
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	23	21	47
5 years or more	na	na	16	13	22
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total children	na	na	198	189	224

(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.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.129.

Table 15A.85

Table 15A.85 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	16	19	20	27	30
Non-Indigenous	no.	97	107	128	128	150
All children	no.	113	126	148	155	180
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	29.1	24.4	20.4	23.9	29.4
Non-Indigenous	%	22.5	21.5	21.9	23.1	26.7
All children	%	23.2	21.9	21.7	23.2	27.1

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) The number 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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (e) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.130.

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>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	3	8	10	9	14
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	13	11	8	15	16
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	16	19	18	24	30
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	3	1	13	16	6
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	3	1	13	16	6
Total children	no.	19	20	31	40	36
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	28	54	55	58	62
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	7	10	4
Total children	no.	28	54	62	68	66
Independent living/unknown	no.	8	4	5	5	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	55	78	98	113	102
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	13.7
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	27.7	14.9	8.6	13.9	15.7
Total placed with relative/kin	%	34.0	25.7	19.4	22.2	29.4
Other Indigenous carer	%	6.4	1.4	14.0	14.8	5.9
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	6.4	1.4	14.0	14.8	5.9
Total children	%	40.4	27.0	33.3	37.0	35.3
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	59.6	73.0	59.1	53.7	60.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	7.5	9.3	3.9
Total children	%	59.6	73.0	66.7	63.0	64.7
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.

(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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.131.

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), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	21	43	59	79	73
Non-Indigenous	no.	248	296	370	376	384
All children	no.	269	339	429	455	457
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	65.6	87.8	85.5	97.5	96.1
Non-Indigenous	%	90.5	90.8	94.1	94.7	96.7
All children	%	87.9	90.4	92.9	95.2	96.6

- (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 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.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.132.

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Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (d)	no.	61	136	163	151	136
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	80	152	136	164	79
Total finalised	no.	141	288	299	315	215
Investigations in process (e)	no.	95	49	103	28	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	26	18
Total investigations (g)	no.	236	337	402	369	233
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	566	771
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	no.	7	33	304	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	no.	200	428	129	..	..
Total notifications	no.	443	798	835	935	1 004
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	13.8	17.0	19.5	16.1	13.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	18.1	19.0	16.3	17.5	7.9
Total finalised	%	31.8	36.1	35.8	33.7	21.4
Investigations in process (e)	%	21.4	6.1	12.3	3.0	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	2.8	1.8
Total investigations	%	53.3	42.2	48.1	39.5	23.2
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	60.5	76.8
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	%	1.6	4.1	36.4	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	%	45.1	53.6	15.4	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (j)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (d)	no.	569	1 077	1 114	701	691
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	690	1 164	1 084	1 400	556
Total finalised	no.	1 259	2 241	2 198	2 101	1 247
Investigations in process (e)	no.	883	439	692	240	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	50	86

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Total investigations (g)	no.	2 142	2 680	2 890	2 391	1 333
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	5 384	6 633
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	no.	68	170	2 681	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	no.	2 672	3 627	1 658	..	..
Total notifications	no.	4 882	6 477	7 229	7 775	7 966
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	11.7	16.6	15.4	9.0	8.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	14.1	18.0	15.0	18.0	7.0
Total finalised	%	25.8	34.6	30.4	27.0	15.7
Investigations in process (e)	%	18.1	6.8	9.6	3.1	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	0.6	1.1
Total investigations	%	43.9	41.4	40.0	30.8	16.7
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	69.2	83.3
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	%	1.4	2.6	37.1	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	%	54.7	56.0	22.9	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (d)	no.	630	1 213	1 277	852	827
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	–
Not substantiated	no.	770	1 316	1 220	1 564	635
Total finalised	no.	1 400	2 529	2 497	2 416	1 462
Investigations in process (e)	no.	978	488	795	268	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	76	104
Total investigations (g)	no.	2 378	3 017	3 292	2 760	1 566
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	5 950	7 404
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	no.	75	203	2 985	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	no.	2 872	4 055	1 787	..	..
Total notifications	no.	5 325	7 275	8 064	8 710	8 970
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	11.8	16.7	15.8	9.8	9.2

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Carer/family issues	%	–
Not substantiated	%	14.5	18.1	15.1	18.0	7.1
Total finalised	%	26.3	34.8	31.0	27.7	16.3
Investigations in process (e)	%	18.4	6.7	9.9	3.1	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	0.9	1.2
Total investigations	%	44.7	41.5	40.8	31.7	17.5
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	68.3	82.5
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	%	1.4	2.8	37.0	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	%	53.9	55.7	22.2	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.

(b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice and/or referrals were followed up.

'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

(c) 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 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.

(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. Previously these cases were recorded in 'Investigations not finalised'.

(g) 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.

(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'. In 2006-07, this figure reflects the inclusion of an assessment phase.

(i) 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.

(j) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.135.

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	16	15	20	23	24
Had prior admissions to orders	3	12	17	30	18
Total children admitted	19	27	37	53	42
Children discharged from orders	12	17	15	24	16
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	107	122	146	98	103
Had prior admissions to orders	55	45	73	110	96
Total children admitted	162	167	219	208	199
Children discharged from orders	113	105	139	129	144
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	123	137	166	121	127
Had prior admissions to orders	58	57	90	140	114
Total children admitted	181	194	256	261	241
Children discharged from orders	125	122	154	153	160

(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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.136.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	47	49	79	98	90
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	..	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	2	7	6	7
Interim and temporary orders	6	19	14	9	13
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)	..	..	..	..	7
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	53	70	100	113	117
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (b)					
Guardianship or custody orders	233	284	330	337	334
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	..	9
Supervisory and other finalised orders	37	49	60	53	26
Interim and temporary orders	30	61	68	71	52
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)	..	..	..	..	14
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	300	394	458	461	435
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	280	333	409	435	424
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	..	9
Supervisory and other finalised orders	37	51	67	59	33
Interim and temporary orders	36	80	82	80	65
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)	..	..	..	..	21
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total all children	353	464	558	574	552

(a) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.137.

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), (c)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	175	273	319	382	394
Non-Indigenous	2 541	3 157	3 780	4 185	4 135
All children	2 716	3 430	4 099	4 567	4 529
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	100.8	154.6	183.0	210.4	214.4
Non-Indigenous	35.9	45.2	54.4	59.9	58.7
All children	37.5	47.9	57.6	63.7	62.6
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	70	166	171	159	137
Non-Indigenous	773	1 486	1 407	1 296	769
All children	843	1 652	1 578	1 455	906
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	40.3	94.0	98.1	87.6	74.5
Non-Indigenous	10.9	21.3	20.3	18.5	10.9
All children	11.6	23.1	22.2	20.3	12.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	44	99	99	75	88
Non-Indigenous	441	758	754	483	447
All children	485	857	853	558	535
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	25.3	56.1	56.8	41.3	47.9
Non-Indigenous	6.2	10.9	10.9	6.9	6.3
All children	6.7	12.0	12.0	7.8	7.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	53	70	100	113	117
Non-Indigenous	300	394	458	461	435
All children	353	464	558	574	552
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	28.7	37.4	53.3	58.9	60.2
Non-Indigenous	4.0	5.3	6.2	6.2	5.8
All children	4.6	6.1	7.4	7.5	7.1

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), (c)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
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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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.138.

Table 15A.92

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), (c), (d)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (g)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	58	60	82	89	81
Non-Indigenous	240	282	306	310	344
All children	298	342	388	399	425
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	31.4	32.0	43.7	46.4	41.6
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.6
All children	3.9	4.5	5.1	5.2	5.5
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	81	101	115	121	126
Non-Indigenous	520	534	528	551	550
All children	601	635	643	672	676
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)					
Indigenous	44.3	54.3	62.6	63.4	65.2
Non-Indigenous	6.9	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.3
All children	7.8	8.3	8.5	8.8	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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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.
- (g) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.142.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)
Indigenous					
Residential care	6	10	7	10	14
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	23	29	35	36	31
Relative/kinship care	29	21	39	43	35
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	52	50	74	79	66
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	1	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	58	60	82	89	81
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Residential care	20	46	36	34	33
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	128	141	162	164	173
Relative/kinship care	82	92	103	107	133
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	210	233	265	271	306
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	–	4	4
Other (incl. unknown)	9	2	5	1	1
Total non-Indigenous children	240	282	306	310	344
All children					
Residential care	26	56	43	44	47
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	151	170	197	200	204
Relative/kinship care	111	113	142	150	168
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	262	283	339	350	372
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	1	4	5
Other (incl. unknown)	9	2	5	1	1
Total all children	298	342	388	399	425

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.93 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)
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Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.143.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	52	60	81	86	81
Another type of order	1	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	5	–	1	3	–
Total Indigenous children	58	60	82	89	81
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	225	279	285	292	338
Another type of order	6	1	–	4	1
Not on an order	9	2	21	14	5
Total non-Indigenous children	240	282	306	310	344
All children					
Care and protection order	277	339	366	378	419
Another type of order	7	1	–	4	1
Not on an order	14	2	22	17	5
Total all children	298	342	388	399	425

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.144.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	–	–	3	3	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	–	–	–	2	–
1 to less than 6 months	6	3	8	6	10
6 months to less than 1 year	7	9	15	12	7
1 to less than 2 years	20	14	14	18	11
2 to less than 5 years	13	21	25	27	24
5 years or more	12	13	17	21	29
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	58	60	79	86	81
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	58	60	82	89	81
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	4	–	14	6	2
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	8	3	4	14
1 to less than 6 months	31	35	41	45	28
6 months to less than 1 year	30	32	34	32	41
1 to less than 2 years	43	50	58	45	59
2 to less than 5 years	64	85	86	94	103
5 years or more	62	72	70	84	97
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	236	282	292	304	342
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	240	282	306	310	344
All children					
Respite	4	–	17	9	2
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	8	3	6	14
1 to less than 6 months	37	38	49	51	38
6 months to less than 1 year	37	41	49	44	48
1 to less than 2 years	63	64	72	63	70
2 to less than 5 years	77	106	111	121	127
5 years or more	74	85	87	105	126
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	294	342	371	390	423
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	298	342	388	399	425

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.145.

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)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	3	9	5	2	6
6 months to less than 1 year	4	–	2	1	1
1 to less than 2 years	2	2	4	3	7
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	–	4	8
5 years or more	2	2	–	1	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	11	13	11	11	24
Non-Indigenous (c)					
1 to less than 6 months	70	74	53	35	27
6 months to less than 1 year	22	8	18	6	14
1 to less than 2 years	4	15	25	24	14
2 to less than 5 years	7	19	18	18	21
5 years or more	14	5	8	14	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	117	121	122	97	88
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	73	83	58	37	33
6 months to less than 1 year	26	8	20	7	15
1 to less than 2 years	6	17	29	27	21
2 to less than 5 years	7	19	18	22	29
5 years or more	16	7	8	15	14
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	128	134	133	108	112

(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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.146.

Table 15A.97

Table 15A.97 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	29	21	39	43	35
Non-Indigenous	no.	82	92	103	107	133
All children	no.	111	113	142	150	168
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	50.0	35.0	47.6	48.3	43.2
Non-Indigenous	%	34.2	32.6	33.7	34.5	38.7
All children	%	37.2	33.0	36.6	37.6	39.5

- (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.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.147.

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), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</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.	26	19	28	29	21
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	3	3	11	14	14
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	29	22	39	43	35
Other Indigenous carer	no.	5	14	17	16	14
Indigenous residential care	no.	1	2	1	2	4
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	6	16	18	18	18
Total children	no.	35	38	57	61	53
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	18	14	18	20	17
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	5	6	6	8	10
Total children	no.	23	20	24	28	27
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	2	1	–	1
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	58	60	82	89	81
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	%	44.8	32.8	34.6	32.6	26.3
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.2	5.2	13.6	15.7	17.5
Total placed with relative/kin	%	50.0	37.9	48.1	48.3	43.8
Other Indigenous carer	%	8.6	24.1	21.0	18.0	17.5
Indigenous residential care	%	1.7	3.4	1.2	2.2	5.0
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	10.3	27.6	22.2	20.2	22.5
Total children	%	60.3	65.5	70.4	68.5	66.3
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	31.0	24.1	22.2	22.5	21.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	8.6	10.3	7.4	9.0	12.5
Total children	%	39.7	34.5	29.6	31.5	33.8
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.148.

Table 15A.99

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), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	35	36	49	57	46
Non-Indigenous	no.	154	161	171	186	215
All children	no.	189	197	220	243	261
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.9
Non-Indigenous	%	98.7	98.2	96.6	97.4	100.0
All children	%	99.0	98.5	97.3	98.0	99.6

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.149.

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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>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	405	337	363	454	600
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	317	308	330	287	341
Total finalised	no.	722	645	693	741	941
Investigations in process (f)	no.	38	108	132	181	231
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	95	272
Total investigations	no.	760	753	825	1 017	1 444
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	851	967
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	473	466	929	..	..
Total notifications	no.	1 233	1 219	1 754	1 868	2 411
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	32.8	27.6	20.7	24.3	24.9
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	25.7	25.3	18.8	15.4	14.1
Total finalised	%	58.6	52.9	39.5	39.7	39.0
Investigations in process (f)	%	3.1	8.9	7.5	9.7	9.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	5.1	11.3
Total investigations	%	61.6	61.8	47.0	54.4	59.9
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	45.6	40.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	38.4	38.2	53.0	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (i)						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	122	136	117	167	156
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	167	222	201	197	178
Total finalised	no.	289	358	318	364	334
Investigations in process (f)	no.	23	69	52	69	121
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	58	117

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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>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Total investigations	no.	312	427	370	491	572
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	633	677
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	412	455	739	..	..
Total notifications	no.	724	882	1 109	1 124	1 249
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	16.9	15.4	10.6	14.9	12.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	23.1	25.2	18.1	17.5	14.3
Total finalised	%	39.9	40.6	28.7	32.4	26.7
Investigations in process (f)	%	3.2	7.8	4.7	6.1	9.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	5.2	9.4
Total investigations	%	43.1	48.4	33.4	43.7	45.8
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	56.3	54.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	56.9	51.6	66.6	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	527	473	480	621	756
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	–
Not substantiated	no.	484	530	531	484	519
Total finalised	no.	1 011	1 003	1 011	1 105	1 275
Investigations in process (f)	no.	61	177	184	250	352
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	153	389
Total investigations	no.	1 072	1 180	1 195	1 508	2 016
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	1 484	1 644
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	885	921	1 668	..	..
Total notifications	no.	1 957	2 101	2 863	2 992	3 660
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	26.9	22.5	16.8	20.8	20.7

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Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Carer/family issues	%	–
Not substantiated	%	24.7	25.2	18.5	16.2	14.2
Total finalised	%	51.7	47.7	35.3	36.9	34.8
Investigations in process (f)	%	3.1	8.4	6.4	8.4	9.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	5.1	10.6
Total investigations	%	54.8	56.2	41.7	50.4	55.1
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	49.6	44.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	45.2	43.8	58.3	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) The NT cannot reliably count notifications dealt with by other means and such matters are included under 'notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means'.
- (e) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.152.

Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (b)	2007-08
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	171	125	147	195
Had prior admissions to orders	na	70	103	44	40
Total children admitted	250	241	228	191	235
Children discharged from orders	169	196	145	172	181
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	63	60	76	83
Had prior admissions to orders	na	52	43	37	3
Total children admitted	107	115	103	113	86
Children discharged from orders	104	105	66	88	98
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	234	185	223	278
Had prior admissions to orders	na	122	146	81	43
Total children admitted	357	356	331	304	321
Children discharged from orders	234	301	211	260	279

(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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.153.

Table 15A.102 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	206	187	276	274	322
Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	2	1	–	–
Interim and temporary orders	24	92	26	26	17
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	24
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	230	281	303	300	363
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d)					
Guardianship or custody orders	110	86	122	134	143
Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	3	–	–	2
Interim and temporary orders	5	44	12	17	8
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	4
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	115	133	134	151	157
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	316	273	398	408	465
Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	5	1	–	2
Interim and temporary orders	29	136	38	43	25
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	..	28
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	..
Total all children	345	414	437	451	520

(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.

(b) Third party parental responsibility data is not captured for NT.

(c) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.154.

Table 15A.103

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), (c)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 052	1 032	1 396	1 632	1 978
Non-Indigenous	618	745	916	948	983
All children	1 670	1 777	2 312	2 580	2 961
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	45.5	44.4	59.9	69.6	84.1
Non-Indigenous	18.6	22.5	27.4	27.3	28.0
All children	29.6	31.5	40.7	44.3	50.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	656	611	653	782	1 089
Non-Indigenous	274	341	305	391	404
All children	930	952	958	1 173	1 493
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	28.4	26.3	28.0	33.4	46.3
Non-Indigenous	8.2	10.3	9.1	11.3	11.5
All children	16.5	16.9	16.9	20.2	25.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	375	319	354	395	558
Non-Indigenous	116	128	108	145	142
All children	491	447	462	540	700
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	16.2	13.7	15.2	16.8	23.7
Non-Indigenous	3.5	3.9	3.2	4.2	4.0
All children	8.7	7.9	8.1	9.3	11.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	230	281	303	300	363
Non-Indigenous	115	133	134	151	157
All children	345	414	437	451	520
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	9.4	11.4	12.2	12.1	14.6
Non-Indigenous	3.3	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.2
All children	5.8	7.0	7.3	7.3	8.4

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), (c)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.155.

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), (b), (c)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	175	218	247	268	281
Non-Indigenous	83	106	105	129	117
All children	258	324	352	397	398
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	7.2	8.9	10.0	10.8	11.3
Non-Indigenous	2.4	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.1
All children	4.3	5.5	5.9	6.4	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	338	346	371	452	464
Non-Indigenous	150	175	170	228	190
All children	488	521	541	680	654
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	13.9	14.1	15.1	18.2	18.7
Non-Indigenous	4.3	5.0	4.8	6.2	5.1
All children	8.2	8.8	9.1	11.1	10.6

- (a) The data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.159.

Table 15A.105 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Residential care	9	17	23	9	4
Family group homes	..	..	..	17	14
Home based care					
Foster care	118	152	176	169	180
Relative/kinship care	44	45	44	45	52
Other home based care	–	–	1	–	–
Total home based	162	197	221	214	232
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	1	1	2
Other (incl. unknown)	4	4	2	27	29
Total Indigenous children	175	218	247	268	281
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Residential care	5	8	9	–	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	4	–
Home based care					
Foster care	55	78	79	87	67
Relative/kinship care	16	12	13	13	20
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	71	90	92	100	87
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	4	3	1
Other (incl. unknown)	7	7	–	22	29
Total non-Indigenous children	83	106	105	129	117
All children					
Residential care	14	25	32	9	4
Family group homes	..	..	..	21	14
Home based care					
Foster care	173	230	255	256	247
Relative/kinship care	60	57	57	58	72
Other home based care	–	–	1	–	–
Total home based	233	287	313	314	319
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	5	4	3
Other (incl. unknown)	11	11	2	49	58
Total all children	258	324	352	397	398

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

(b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.160.

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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	175	218	247	268	281
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	175	218	247	268	281
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	83	106	105	129	117
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	83	106	105	129	117
All children					
Care and protection order	258	324	352	397	398
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	258	324	352	397	398

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.161.

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)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	20	22	89	179
1 to less than 6 months	28	47	46	30	12
6 months to less than 1 year	22	45	46	34	12
1 to less than 2 years	32	38	53	35	26
2 to less than 5 years	55	57	59	55	35
5 years or more	28	11	21	25	17
Not stated/unknown	4	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	175	218	247	268	281
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	175	218	247	268	281
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	–	16	8	59	83
1 to less than 6 months	11	38	42	18	4
6 months to less than 1 year	14	18	16	29	14
1 to less than 2 years	18	14	17	10	6
2 to less than 5 years	22	14	15	7	4
5 years or more	16	6	7	6	6
Not stated/unknown	2	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	83	106	105	129	117
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	83	106	105	129	117
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	36	30	148	262
1 to less than 6 months	39	85	88	48	16
6 months to less than 1 year	36	63	62	63	26
1 to less than 2 years	50	52	70	45	32
2 to less than 5 years	77	71	74	62	39
5 years or more	44	17	28	31	23
Not stated/unknown	6	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	258	324	352	397	398
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	258	324	352	397	398

(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.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)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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(b) The NT is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.162.

Table 15A.108 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (number) (a)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	36	14	20	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	2	5	12	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	4	9	7	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	–	4	2	na	na
5 years or more	2	2	–	na	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	na
Total Indigenous children	44	34	41	na	na
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	8	7	6	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	2	2	8	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	1	6	4	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	–	5	1	na	na
5 years or more	1	3	–	na	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	12	23	19	na	na
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	44	21	26	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	4	7	20	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	5	15	11	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	–	9	3	na	na
5 years or more	3	5	–	na	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	na
Total all children	56	57	60	na	na

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.163.

Table 15A.109 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	44	45	44	45	52
Non-Indigenous	no.	16	12	13	13	20
All children	no.	60	57	57	58	72
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	25.1	20.6	17.8	16.8	18.5
Non-Indigenous	%	19.3	11.3	12.4	10.1	17.1
All children	%	23.3	17.6	16.2	14.6	18.1

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.164.

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), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</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.	67	79	90	89	87
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	67	79	90	89	87
Other Indigenous carer	no.	53	71	67	61	48
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	53	71	67	61	48
Total children	no.	120	150	157	150	135
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	55	68	87	118	146
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	no.	55	68	87	118	146
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	3	–	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	175	218	247	268	281
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	%	38.3	36.2	36.9	33.2	31.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	na
Total placed with relative/kin	%	38.3	36.2	36.9	33.2	31.0
Other Indigenous carer	%	30.3	32.6	27.5	22.8	17.1
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	30.3	32.6	27.5	22.8	17.1
Total children	%	68.6	68.8	64.3	56.0	48.0
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	31.4	31.2	35.7	44.0	52.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	%	31.4	31.2	35.7	44.0	52.0
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.
- (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.
- (e) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.165.

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), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	131	160	183	178	195
Non-Indigenous	no.	44	69	67	79	63
All children	no.	175	229	250	257	258
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	92.9	95.2	94.8	89.4	90.7
Non-Indigenous	%	89.8	93.2	97.1	84.0	80.8
All children	%	92.1	94.6	95.4	87.7	88.1

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.166.

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>
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
2006-07	37.7	8.8	29.3	56.2	25.4	35.0	40.6	98.8	30.8

- (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 31 March 2005 include Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIC (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.171.

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>
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
2006-07	147	10	93	97	19	6	5	24	400

(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 NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIC (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.173.

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 (d)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Indigenous									
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
2006-07	455.0	138.5	298.9	661.8	338.7	161.1	494.8	207.6	376.9
Non-Indigenous									
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
2006-07	18.5	7.1	10.3	15.7	14.1	25.4	27.8	18.1	13.7
Indigenous/non-Indigenous rate ratio (f)									
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
2006-07	24.6	19.5	29.0	42.1	24.0	6.3	17.8	11.5	27.5

(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. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services

(e) The rate for Indigenous young people should be treated with caution due to the small Indigenous population in the ACT. The rate ratio should also be taken into account.

(f) 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); 2009 Report, table 15A.174.

SAAP data

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 **Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	55.2	36.7	28.4	16.9	16.2	7.3	5.8	4.8	171.3
State/Territory govts	\$m	55.7	24.1	18.7	11.5	9.9	4.9	4.7	3.1	132.6
Total	\$m	110.9	60.8	47.1	28.4	26.1	12.2	10.5	7.9	303.8
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	49.8	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	60.9	56.4
State/Territory govts	%	50.2	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	39.1	43.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2004-05										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	56.3	37.4	29.0	17.2	16.6	7.4	5.9	4.9	174.7
State/Territory govts	\$m	56.8	24.6	19.1	11.7	10.1	5.0	4.8	3.2	135.2
Total	\$m	113.1	62.0	48.0	29.0	26.6	12.4	10.7	8.1	309.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	49.8	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	60.9	56.4
State/Territory govts	%	50.2	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	39.1	43.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2005-06										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	57.5	38.2	29.6	17.6	16.9	7.6	6.0	5.0	178.5
State/Territory govts	\$m	58.1	25.1	25.3	12.0	10.3	6.2	4.9	3.5	145.4
Total	\$m	115.6	63.4	54.9	29.6	27.2	13.8	10.9	8.6	323.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	49.8	60.3	53.9	59.5	62.2	54.9	55.3	58.8	55.1
State/Territory govts	%	50.2	39.7	46.1	40.5	37.8	45.1	44.7	41.2	44.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006-07 (c)										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	59.4	37.7	30.4	18.2	17.3	7.8	6.0	5.2	182.0
State/Territory govts	\$m	59.3	36.3	33.2	15.8	14.4	6.8	6.0	3.7	175.5
Total	\$m	118.7	74.0	63.6	34.0	31.7	14.6	12.0	8.9	358.0
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	50.0	50.9	47.8	53.5	54.5	53.3	50.3	58.2	50.8
State/Territory govts	%	50.0	49.1	52.2	46.5	45.5	46.7	49.7	41.8	49.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 15A.115 **Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08 (c)										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt (d)	\$m	60.9	.0	30.5	18.2	17.4	7.8	6.3	5.2	185.8
State/Territory govts	\$m	60.6	37.1	35.1	18.6	17.1	7.3	6.2	4.8	186.7
Total	\$m	121.5	76.5	65.6	36.7	34.5	15.1	12.4	10.0	372.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	50.1	0.1	46.5	49.5	50.5	51.6	50.4	52.0	49.8
State/Territory govts	%	49.9	48.5	53.5	50.5	49.5	48.4	49.6	48.0	50.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.

(c) Includes Innovation and Investment funding under SAAP V agreement.

(d) Australian total includes \$500 000 national priorities funding.

Source: Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.178.

Table 15A.116 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 (f)	%	18.5	6.8	22.3	40.9	23.3	12.2	13.8	66.4	22.1
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	%	32.2	7.6	30.2	63.9	25.9	12.5	7.7	71.4	29.7

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of valid unmet requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid unmet 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) Until 2004-05, 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, and therefore are not comparable with earlier data.

Table 15A.116 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>
(f)	Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2184 from the Client collection, 159.2 (daily average) from the Demand for Accommodation collection.									

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. AIHW (2008) *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report series 12. Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 15A.183.

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 **Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2002-03										
Support plan	%	54.7	60.9	68.8	46.8	69.2	68.4	83.1	62.9	59.3
No support plan	%	17.2	14.4	13.1	22.5	11.8	14.8	2.3	21.1	17.0
Support plan not appropriate	%	28.1	24.7	18.1	30.7	19.1	16.8	14.6	16.0	23.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 100	2 100	5 200	5 100	1 500	500	300	2 300	22 000
2003-04 (e)										
Support plan	%	59.4	55.4	60.9	42.4	70.3	71.5	82.4	67.7	57.7
No support plan	%	17.4	23.6	20.8	36.1	12.8	11.8	5.3	15.0	22.2
Support plan not appropriate	%	23.2	21.0	18.2	21.5	16.9	16.7	12.3	17.3	20.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 300	2 200	5 200	5 300	1 500	600	400	2 400	23 000
2004-05 (f)										
Support plan	%	62.7	57.0	59.5	39.5	65.7	74.7	76.2	76.8	58.6
No support plan	%	16.3	21.5	22.6	38.4	12.2	12.0	5.1	11.7	21.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	21.0	21.4	18.0	22.1	22.1	13.3	18.7	11.5	19.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 800	2 500	5 000	5 400	2 400	500	300	2 700	24 500
2005-06 (g)										
Support plan	%	60.7	63.2	53.5	36.6	76.1	65.3	64.2	69.1	57.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	10.3	10.3	11.2	16.1	5.1	7.9	6.3	5.0	10.5
Support period too short	%	26.9	24.6	33.7	47.1	18.2	26.0	28.1	26.0	31.2
Other	%	2.1	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	–	1.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 200	2 500	4 100	4 700	2 400	500	200	2 400	22 100
2006-07 (h)										
Support plan	%	60.5	58.8	53.7	40.1	72.0	63.2	66.3	64.4	57.0
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	8.3	6.5	16.6	19.6	6.8	5.7	9.3	7.2	11.4
Support period too short	%	30.4	32.9	29.3	39.2	20.8	28.6	23.5	28.4	30.8
Other	%	0.8	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.4	2.4	1.0	0.1	0.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	7 300	3 000	4 900	5 000	2 900	600	200	2 700	26 600

Table 15A.117 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)

- (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 for 2005-06 and 2006-07 include analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Therefore data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are therefore not comparable with earlier data. Some categories have also changed for 2005-06 and subsequent data.
- (e) Data exclude 3 499 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 3 129 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 2 523 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (h) Data exclude 3 387 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2008) *Homeless People in SAAP: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2006-07, Australia*. SAAP NDCA Report series 12; 2009 Report, table 15A.186.

Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	39.1	12.5	138.0	28.8	11.4	2.9	2.8	17.8	253.3
2003-04										
Provided only	%	84.3	72.3	84.7	91.7	81.4	84.9	73.6	86.9	84.7
Referred only	%	4.9	10.2	4.4	2.1	6.0	6.2	5.4	3.2	4.6
Provided & referred	%	7.9	12.6	4.8	3.4	7.3	4.2	11.5	8.1	6.8
Unmet	%	2.9	4.9	6.1	2.7	5.3	4.7	9.5	1.8	4.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	45.8	12.7	38.4	28.9	12.5	2.8	3.5	23.9	168.5
2004-05										
Provided only	%	82.2	73.4	86.6	88.5	82.4	85.1	70.4	81.1	83.3
Referred only	%	5.5	8.1	3.8	2.3	7.2	5.3	6.1	6.9	5.1
Provided & referred	%	9.0	13.6	5.3	5.3	7.6	7.6	19.0	11.3	8.3
Unmet	%	3.3	4.9	4.3	3.9	2.9	1.9	4.4	0.8	3.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	40.1	13.3	31.4	30.9	14.1	2.8	2.3	24.1	158.9
2005-06										
Provided only	%	81.8	72.0	86.5	90.2	75.6	82.8	72.8	77.8	82.1
Referred only	%	6.5	9.5	3.8	3.1	8.5	6.2	10.3	8.6	6.2
Provided & referred	%	7.2	11.3	5.9	2.9	9.6	7.5	12.5	11.8	7.5
Unmet	%	4.4	7.2	3.8	3.7	6.3	3.5	4.3	1.8	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	39.4	16.7	28.4	29.4	14.0	2.8	1.8	19.9	152.6
2006-07										
Provided only	%	77.6	75.0	85.3	91.1	82.6	82.0	76.0	79.1	81.8
Referred only	%	6.7	9.9	4.4	2.4	5.1	4.8	5.4	3.2	5.2
Provided & referred	%	10.6	8.2	6.4	4.4	8.8	8.1	13.9	16.2	9.0
Unmet	%	5.1	7.0	3.9	2.0	3.5	5.1	4.7	1.4	3.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	50.6	18.6	30.6	31.3	17.1	3.4	2.1	22.1	175.9

(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) Proportions are of distinct services needed.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.188.

Table 15A.119

Table 15A.119 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (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										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (d), (e)										
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
Total	%	73.4	68.9	71.6	87.6	69.9	62.7	52.7	79.1	73.4
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	10.0	10.8	11.3	4.7	3.5	14.5	10.9	3.8	8.4
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.4	4.8	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.1	7.0	1.7	2.4
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.5	2.4	0.7	1.6	3.4	0.7	3.6	0.7	1.7
Institutional setting	%	3.3	2.4	1.9	1.8	6.5	2.2	12.1	3.4	3.3
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	6.5	7.8	9.5	1.8	11.5	12.4	7.2	11.2	8.0
Other (no tenure)	%	4.0	3.0	2.6	0.7	3.0	5.4	6.5	–	2.8
Total	%	26.7	31.2	28.4	12.4	30.0	37.3	47.3	20.8	26.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 500	800	700	500	500	200	100	600	5 000
Type of tenure immediately after support period (f) (g)										
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
Total	%	85.8	75.8	84.0	87.1	74.7	83.7	61.3	85.9	82.0
Non-Independent housing										

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Table 15A.119 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (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>
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
Institutional setting	%	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.9	3.2	1.0	2.7	3.4	1.6
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.7	2.3	2.1	–	2.4	1.1	3.5	5.2	2.2
Other (no tenure)	%	2.6	0.2	1.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	3.5	–	1.3
Total	%	14.3	24.3	15.9	13.0	25.2	16.3	38.7	14.2	18.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 100	700	500	400	400	100	100	400	3 700
2006-07										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (h), (i)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.0	0.3	1.1	1.5	1.0	2.2	–	0.3	0.9
Private rental	%	27.5	18.6	29.6	14.6	13.5	22.4	9.4	10.2	22.2
Public housing rental	%	13.0	18.5	10.0	29.9	22.0	10.1	16.2	21.3	16.4
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	2.7	2.6	4.1	4.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	24.9	4.6
Rent free accommodation	%	6.1	10.6	8.9	5.3	5.5	6.7	14.3	16.5	8.2
Boarding	%	25.3	22.7	17.9	28.1	25.0	16.4	10.0	14.6	22.6
Total	%	75.6	73.3	71.6	83.5	68.6	59.4	51.0	87.8	74.9
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	8.3	9.9	7.9	4.6	4.8	16.2	24.7	3.2	8.1
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.3	3.9	2.5	1.2	1.0	1.8	3.8	1.8	2.0
Other SAAP/CAP	%	2.0	2.6	1.3	1.4	3.0	1.9	4.5	0.9	2.0
Institutional setting	%	3.4	2.9	1.4	2.9	8.1	1.2	6.3	2.0	3.1
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	6.0	5.0	12.6	5.3	11.2	14.4	8.7	4.1	7.4
Other (no tenure)	%	3.4	2.4	2.9	1.2	3.3	5.1	1.1	0.3	2.7
Total	%	24.4	26.7	28.6	16.6	31.4	40.6	49.1	12.3	25.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	2 100	900	900	600	400	200	100	400	5 600
Type of tenure immediately after support period (j), (k)										
Independent housing										

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Table 15A.119 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (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>
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.9	2.9	–	0.4	0.6
Private rental	%	39.5	20.3	40.4	14.7	15.1	32.0	9.2	11.5	29.4
Public housing rental	%	18.0	34.3	17.4	36.4	39.3	27.2	33.8	30.7	25.5
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	5.9	3.2	10.5	4.2	5.9	0.8	4.7	24.4	7.1
Rent free accommodation	%	3.6	5.3	2.6	3.2	1.8	2.7	12.9	13.2	4.4
Boarding	%	17.6	17.1	13.4	29.4	13.8	13.9	6.8	10.5	16.9
Total	%	85.0	80.9	84.7	89.0	76.8	79.5	67.4	90.7	83.9
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	4.6	9.0	4.3	3.6	7.3	4.7	17.3	1.2	5.4
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	3.3	5.1	4.2	2.0	7.8	4.5	9.6	3.4	4.1
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.1	1.6
Institutional setting	%	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.7	3.3	1.7	2.7	1.1	1.7
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.0	1.9	2.5	1.2	1.4	5.8	1.3	2.2	1.7
Other (no tenure)	%	2.2	0.5	1.7	1.1	2.4	3.1	–	0.4	1.6
Total	%	15.1	19.2	15.2	11.0	23.1	20.6	32.6	9.4	16.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 700	800	700	400	300	100	100	300	4 400

- (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) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.
- (d) Data exclude 82 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (e) Data exclude 309 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (f) Data exclude 142 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 1525 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.
- (h) Data exclude 71 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 456 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (j) Data exclude 94 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (k) Data exclude 1570 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.196.

Table 15A.120 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005-06										
Before SAAP Support (c), (d)										
Employed full time	%	2.5	–	2.9	8.5	2.6	–	–	–	2.6
Employed part time	%	2.7	2.8	6.5	11.7	1.3	–	22.9	6.9	4.9
Unemployed	%	41.7	31.6	42.2	27.9	45.3	31.3	38.1	42.0	38.5
Not in labour force	%	53.2	65.6	48.4	51.9	50.9	68.7	39.1	51.2	54.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	400	200	200	100	100	–	–	100	1 100
After SAAP Support (e), (f)										
Employed full time	%	5.1	–	5.6	13.4	1.6	–	11.5	6.8	5.3
Employed part time	%	11.6	9.2	8.0	17.0	7.5	6.0	14.0	11.2	10.7
Unemployed	%	39.2	33.0	37.0	14.2	47.3	34.4	20.2	25.2	34.3
Not in labour force	%	44.2	57.9	49.3	55.4	43.6	59.6	54.2	56.8	49.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	400	100	200	100	100	–	–	100	1 000
2006-07										
Before SAAP Support (g), (h)										
Employed full time	%	2.3	2.0	2.1	8.0	1.4	–	5.9	–	2.7
Employed part time	%	3.4	2.1	5.2	8.8	4.8	–	8.2	6.5	4.3
Unemployed	%	29.0	38.5	43.9	28.8	41.5	44.5	25.6	36.7	34.1
Not in labour force	%	65.3	57.4	48.8	54.4	52.3	55.5	60.3	56.9	59.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	200	200	100	100	–	–	100	1 400
After SAAP Support (i), (j)										
Employed full time	%	5.0	5.1	9.9	10.8	5.5	16.0	20.3	–	6.7
Employed part time	%	9.1	6.0	9.9	14.4	3.8	6.7	9.3	13.2	9.0
Unemployed	%	28.0	37.0	38.5	25.4	35.9	30.7	18.1	30.6	31.0
Not in labour force	%	58.0	51.9	41.6	49.4	54.7	46.6	52.3	56.2	53.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	200	200	100	100	–	–	–	1 200

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

(b) From 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 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(d) Data exclude 16 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

(e) Data exclude 41 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(f) Data exclude 154 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

(g) Data exclude 13 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Table 15A.120 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(h)	Data exclude 56 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.									
(i)	Data exclude 17 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.									
(j)	Data exclude 217 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.									
	– Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.198.

Table 15A.121

Table 15A.121 **Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2002-03										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	77.2	79.8	73.5	68.8	72.4	71.7	80.0	73.4	71.5
2	%	13.2	12.7	11.9	15.9	14.1	16.7	10.6	15.6	14.3
3	%	3.9	4.5	4.0	7.1	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.2	5.8
4	%	2.1	1.1	2.3	3.1	3.7	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.7
5	%	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.9	1.6	1.3	na	1.1	1.4
6+	%	2.7	1.2	7.4	3.2	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.5	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 700	4 500	3 300	1 400	400	200	1 700	16 500
2003-04										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	76.6	74.1	76.3	68.0	68.1	73.2	72.8	74.0	71.4
2	%	12.8	13.8	14.0	15.5	17.7	14.3	9.3	14.5	14.7
3	%	4.2	4.4	5.0	8.5	7.2	7.2	11.2	5.4	6.1
4	%	2.1	2.7	1.8	3.0	3.4	3.1	5.0	3.1	2.9
5	%	1.2	2.0	0.9	1.7	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6
6+	%	3.1	3.0	2.0	3.4	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.8	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 500	3 900	3 200	1 500	400	200	1 800	15 900
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	74.1	75.7	78.5	67.8	67.6	73.8	81.5	73.7	70.8
2	%	14.4	13.9	13.3	16.5	17.9	16.9	10.2	15.7	15.6
3	%	4.7	4.7	3.7	7.7	6.3	5.8	5.3	5.4	6.2
4	%	2.0	2.7	1.7	3.0	3.6	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8
5	%	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7
6+	%	3.0	2.0	1.7	3.1	2.7	1.1	–	1.6	2.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 000	1 600	3 700	3 300	1 600	400	200	1 800	15 900
2005-06										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	79.8	75.0	80.2	70.2	70.1	70.1	82.5	77.3	75.4
2	%	11.5	13.3	12.0	16.2	16.4	17.2	7.1	14.9	13.7
3	%	4.8	4.1	4.2	7.3	6.5	7.9	5.2	4.3	5.5
4	%	1.4	2.8	1.7	2.6	3.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3
5	%	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2
6+	%	1.6	3.6	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.9	0.4	2.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 300	1 900	3 700	3 200	1 900	400	200	1 900	17 100

Table 15A.121

Table 15A.121 **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	%	75.6	70.8	76.4	69.8	64.8	76.0	81.9	73.2	72.1
2	%	13.7	14.5	15.4	17.0	15.7	13.5	11.7	15.1	15.1
3	%	4.9	6.3	4.3	6.4	7.0	5.2	4.3	6.4	5.9
4	%	2.2	2.5	1.6	3.3	3.8	2.6	1.0	2.2	2.5
5	%	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.3	2.9	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.5
6+	%	2.5	4.3	1.1	2.1	5.7	2.0	–	1.5	2.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 600	2 100	4 200	3 600	2 300	500	200	2 100	20 100
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	%	24.4	29.2	23.5	30.1	35.1	24.1	18.0	26.8	27.8

(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.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.200.

Table 15A.122

Table 15A.122 **Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Source of income before SAAP support										
2005-06 (c), (d)										
No income	%	22.9	19.8	16.2	6.9	13.6	28.4	3.6	10.4	16.3
Awaiting benefit	%	4.1	4.9	1.4	0.4	0.5	5.4	3.9	3.3	2.6
Government pension/allowance	%	69.4	74.4	76.6	89.3	84.2	63.9	88.7	83.2	77.6
Other	%	3.7	0.9	5.8	3.5	1.6	2.3	3.9	3.1	3.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	300	500	300	200	-	-	200	2 300
Source of income after SAAP support										
2005-06 (e), (f)										
No income	%	6.4	2.1	9.0	4.5	1.2	15.2	11.8	2.3	5.4
Awaiting benefit	%	4.7	11.3	3.4	-	0.9	-	-	4.0	4.0
Government pension/allowance	%	84.6	85.1	84.3	92.4	97.4	82.3	84.1	88.9	87.4
Other	%	4.3	1.4	3.2	3.1	0.6	2.5	4.0	4.8	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	300	400	300	200	-	-	200	2 100
Source of income before SAAP support										
2006-07 (g), (h)										
No income	%	21.7	15.1	14.0	10.6	14.6	10.0	34.4	12.1	16.2
No income, awaiting benefit	%	2.5	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.2	8.3	14.3	3.6	2.3
Government pension/benefit	%	73.0	81.5	78.3	83.2	81.2	74.6	48.5	83.0	78.0
Other	%	2.8	2.4	6.1	4.6	3.1	7.0	2.9	1.2	3.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	900	300	400	400	200	-	-	300	2 600
Source of income after SAAP support										
2006-07 (i), (j)										
No income	%	5.7	2.5	5.9	4.0	7.0	-	19.5	4.0	5.1
No income, awaiting benefit	%	3.9	1.4	2.6	1.6	0.7	12.6	12.5	4.0	3.0
Government pension/benefit	%	86.7	93.6	87.7	91.8	90.9	84.1	60.5	90.6	88.8
Other	%	3.8	2.5	3.8	2.6	1.4	3.2	7.6	1.3	3.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	800	300	400	400	200	-	-	300	2 400

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	<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>
(a)	Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.									
(b)	From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.									
(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.									
(g)	32 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(h)	30 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(i)	51 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(j)	242 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.									
	– Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.203.