
15 Protection and support services

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Attachment tables

Attachment tables are identified in references throughout this Indigenous Compendium by an 'A' suffix (for example, in this chapter, table 15A.3). As the data are directly sourced from the 2010 Report, the Compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2010 Report can be found. For example, where the Compendium refers to '2010 Report, p. 15.15' this is page 15 of chapter 15 of the 2010 Report, and '2010 Report, table 15A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 15A of the 2010 Report. A full list of attachment tables is provided at the end of this chapter, and the attachment tables are available from the Review website at (www.pc.gov.au/gsp).

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*: 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 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.

Indigenous data in the Protection and support services chapter

The Protection and support services chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2010* (2010 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- children who were the subject of a notification (number and rate per 1000 children), 2008-09
- children who were the subject of a substantiation (number and rate per 1000 children), 2008-09

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- children who were on care and protection orders (number and rate per 1000 children), 30 June 2009
 - children who were in out-of-home care (number and rate per 1000 children), 30 June 2009
 - proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2009
 - proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, 30 June 2009
 - placement in out-of-home care, 30 June 2009
 - average rate of detention of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people, 2007-08
 - rate and number of escapes from juvenile justice detention centres, by Indigenous status, 2008-09
 - rate and number of escapes from escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09
 - proportion of case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing sentenced detention orders and sentenced community-based orders, 2008-09
 - proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2007-08
 - closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, 2007-08
 - Indigenous clients, by met and unmet support needs, 2007-08
 - changes in labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2007-08
 - source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2007-08
 - accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, Indigenous SAAP clients, 2007-08

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

- child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, 2008-09
- number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2008-09

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- number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2009
 - children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, 2008-09
 - children in out-of-home care (number and rate per 1000 children) and placement type, 30 June 2009
 - number of children who exited care during the year 2008-09 and length of time spent in care
 - children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, 30 June
 - children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2009
 - children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, 30 June 2009
 - intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by gender
 - target population data used for annual data, December ('000)
 - target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000)
 - daily average population of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number)
 - average rates of detention and Indigenous rate ratio, young people aged 10-17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people
 - custody nights, 2008-09
 - proportion of pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies, 2008-09
 - deaths in custody, 2008-09
 - young people in detention attending education and training, 2008-09
 - escapes from detention and escorted movement, 2008-09
 - absconds from unescorted leave, 2008-09
 - case plans prepared/reviewed within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced order, 2008-09
 - proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2007-08
 - closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, 2007-08
 - support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet, 2007-08

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- closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure, 2007-08
 - closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support, 2007-08
 - Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year, 2007-08
 - source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2007-08

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 come into contact with the protection and support services system (Department of Human Services 2002; The Allen Consulting Group 2008).

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). 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 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

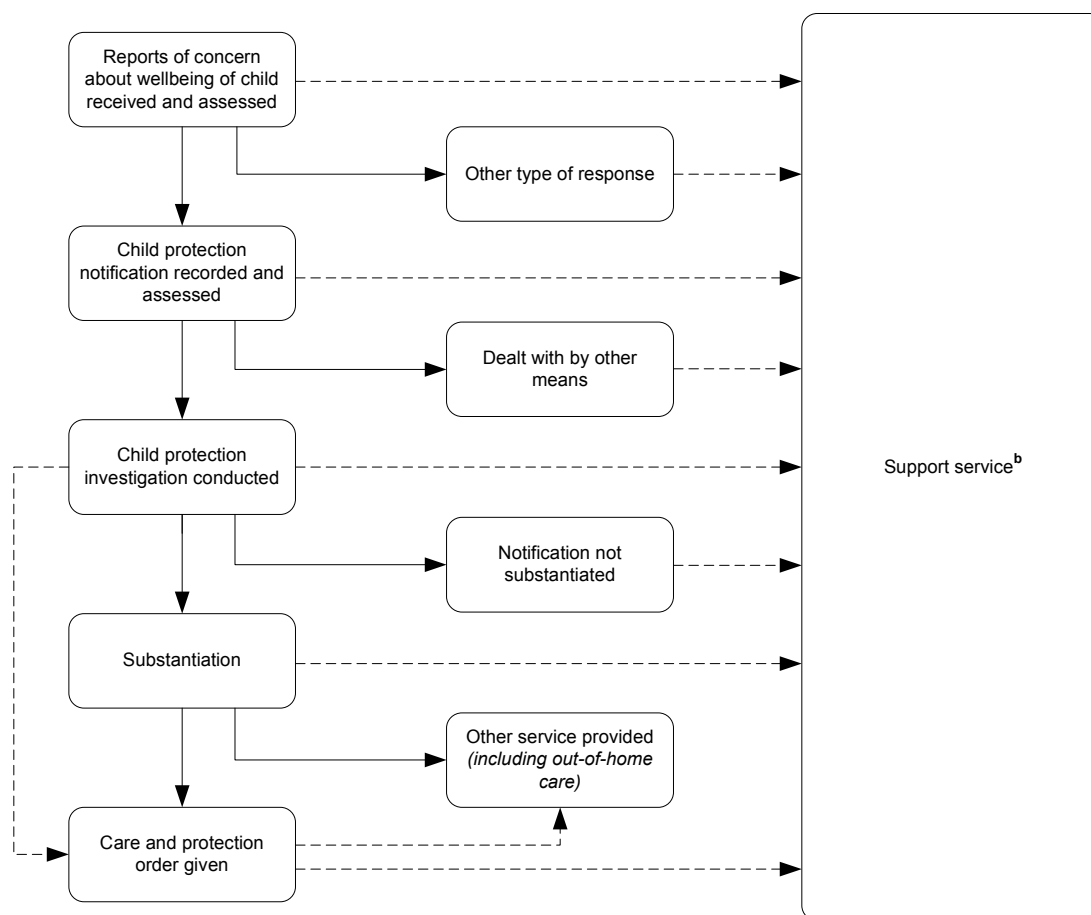
Out-of-home care services provide care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who are placed away from their parents or family home for reasons of safety or family crisis. These reasons include abuse, neglect or harm, illness of a parent and the inability of parents to provide adequate care. Placements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

The child protection system

Child protection legislation, policies and practices vary across jurisdictions. However, the broad processes in 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 states and territories, and may include medical practitioners, police services, school teachers and principals. These reports are assessed and classified as child protection notifications, child concern reports, or matters requiring some other kind of response. The most common source of notifications in 2008-09 in all jurisdictions were the police. The second most common source of notifications varied across jurisdictions and included social workers and school personnel (AIHW 2010).

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: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished) 2010 Report, figure 15.1, p. 15.9.

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.

Most jurisdictions assesses incoming reports to determine whether they meet the threshold for recording a notification. Notifications are subsequently investigated based on the policies and practices in each 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 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. Where possible, an investigation determines whether a notification is substantiated or not substantiated (figure 15.1).

Rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations are calculated for children aged 0–16 years, given differences across jurisdictions' in 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.

Nationally, 204 463 children aged 0–16 years were the subject of child protection notifications in 2008-09. The rate of notifications per 1000 children in the population aged 0–16 years was 43.1 in 2008-09 (table 15A.4). The total number of notifications for each jurisdiction for 2008-09 (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.

Notifications data are collected early in the child protection process and often before an agency has full knowledge of a 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 legal definition of harm or risk of harm, abuse or risk of abuse are similar across jurisdictions. Traditionally, 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 has now shifted 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 or risk to the child, and the child's needs. While the legal criteria for substantiating such matters are now similar across jurisdictions, there remain some differences in practice, including different thresholds for recording a substantiation related to risk of harm.

If an investigation results in a substantiation, intervention by child protection services might 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, 8135 Indigenous and 24 343 non-Indigenous children were the subject of a substantiation in 2008-09. The rate of children who were the subject of a substantiation per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–16 years was 36.8 for Indigenous children and 5.4 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, 10 271 Indigenous and 25 138 non-Indigenous children were on care and protection orders at 30 June 2009. The rate of children on care and protection orders per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 43.8 for Indigenous children and 5.2 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.4).

Further information regarding children on care and protection orders is included in the attachment tables. Table 15A.2 identifies the number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2008-09. Table 15A.3 identifies the number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status at 30 June 2009.

Out-of-home care

Out-of-home care is one of a range of services provided to children and families where there is a need to provide safe care for a child. Children are placed in out-of-home care as a last resort when it is not in their best interests to remain with their family (for example, because they are not safe or because no one is able or willing to provide care). Where children are placed in out-of-home care, placement with the extended 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.

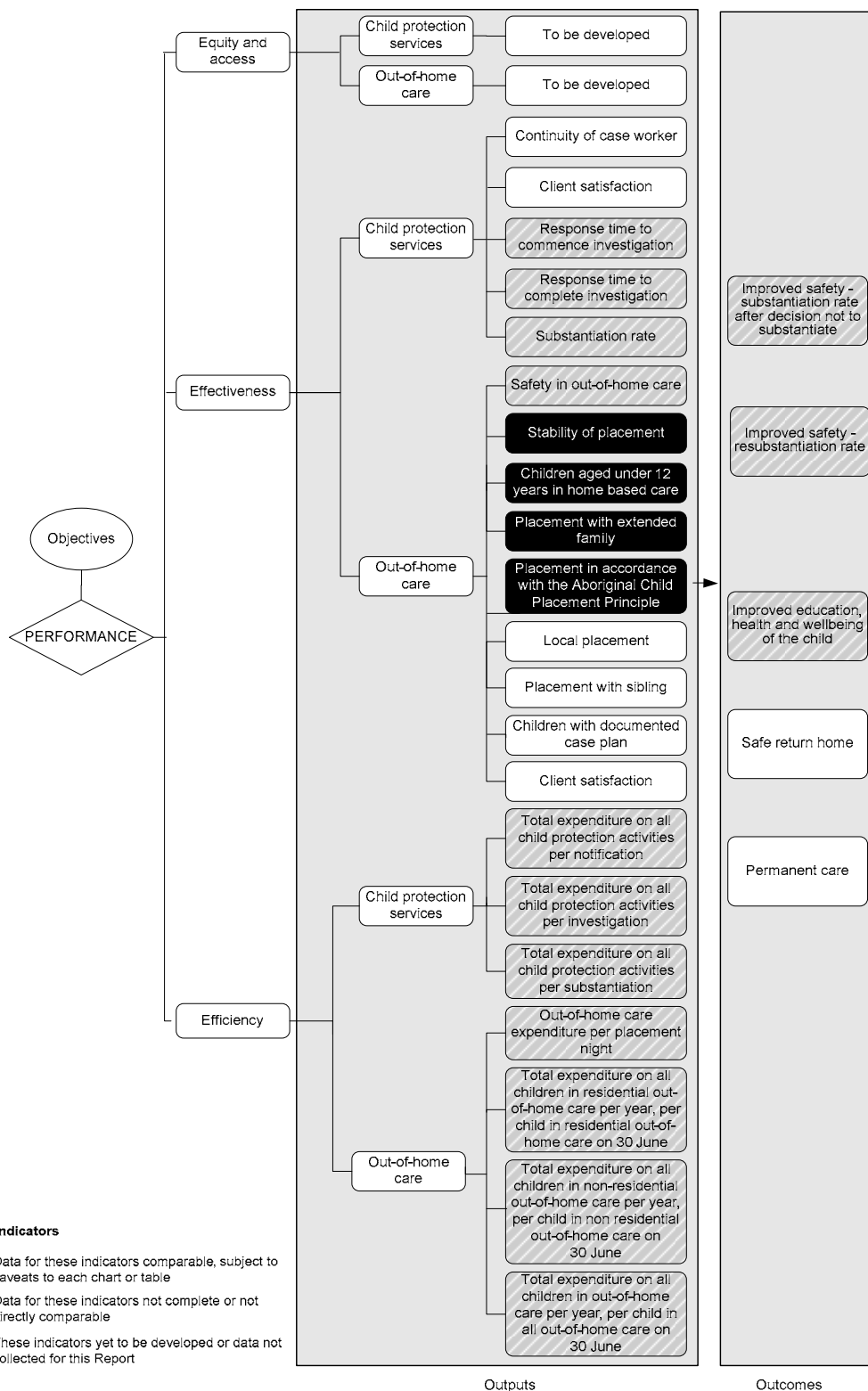
Nationally, 10 512 Indigenous children and 23 557 non-Indigenous children were in out-of-home care at 30 June 2009. The rate of children in out-of-home care per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 44.8 for Indigenous children and 4.9 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.5).

Further information on children in out-of-home care is included in the attachment tables. Table 15A.6 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type at 30 June 2009. 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 2009. 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 2009. Table 15A.9 identifies the number of children who exited care during 2008-09, 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 2010 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 2010 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: 2010 Report, figure 15.3, p. 15.15.

Child protection and out-of-home care services reporting for Indigenous people

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 15.1).

Box 15.1 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 desirable. This indicator should be interpreted in conjunction with other placement indicators.

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.

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 2009 was 97.9 per cent nationally. In most 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 (figure 15.3).

Figure 15.3 **Proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2009^{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; 2010 Report, figure 15.9, p. 15.29.

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 recipients on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.2).

Box 15.2 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 high or increasing rate for this indicator is 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.

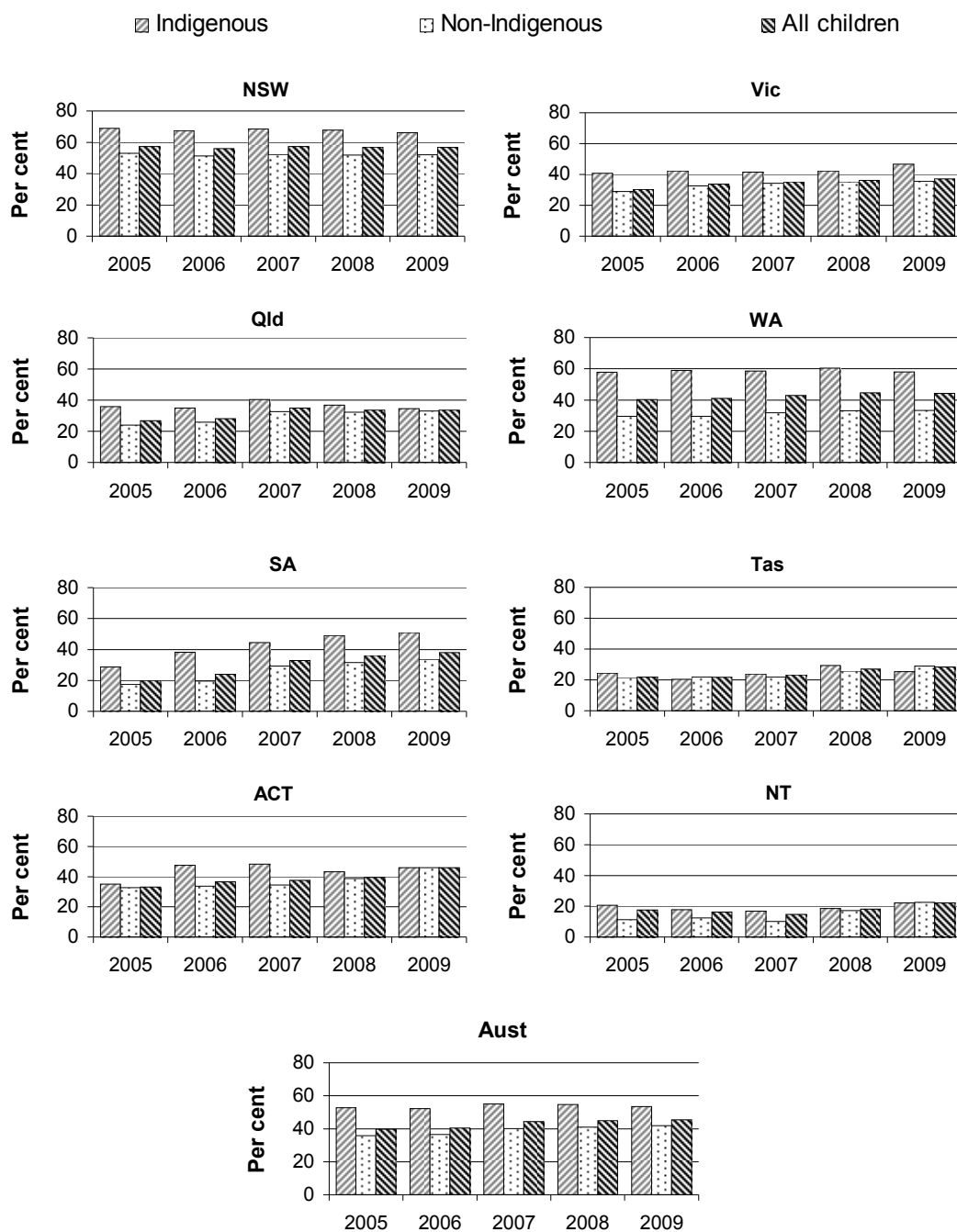
Placements with extended family may not always be the best option. Long standing family dynamics can undermine the pursuit of case goals such as reunification, and the possibility of intergenerational abuse needs to be considered. In addition, depending on the individual circumstances of the child, it 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 15.4 shows the proportion of children placed with relatives or kin by Indigenous status for the past 4 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 2009 was greater for Indigenous children than for non-Indigenous children in all jurisdictions and nationally (figure 15.4).

The Aboriginal Child Placement Principle places considerable emphasis on the placement of Indigenous children with extended family. This principle is discussed in box 15.3.

Figure 15.4 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 (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.10; 2010 Report, figure 15.10, p. 15.31.

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 their cultural ties and identity (box 15.3).

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 a non-relative Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care, and (iii) not placed with relative/kin, a non-relative Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care.

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

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, departments consult with and involve appropriate Indigenous individuals and/or organisations. If the preferred options are not available, the child may be placed (after appropriate consultation) with a non-Indigenous family or in a 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, might be the most appropriate placement for the child.

This indicator needs to be interpreted with care as it is a proxy for compliance with the principle. This indicator reports the placement outcomes of Indigenous children 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 had with appropriate Indigenous individuals or organisations.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

According to the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (NSW Law Reform Commission 1997) the following hierarchy of placement option 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.

All jurisdictions have now adopted this principle in both legislation and policy.

Nationally, at 30 June 2009, 54.2 per cent of Indigenous children in out-of-home care were placed with a relative/kin, 18.4 per cent placed with a non-relative Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care, and 27.4 per cent were not placed with relative/kin, a non-relative Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care (figure 15.5).

The proportion of Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2009 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 2009^{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 (130 and 100 respectively) in care at 30 June 2009.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.11; 2009 Report, figure 15.11, p. 15.33.

Future directions in child protection and out-of-home care services performance reporting

COAG developments

National framework for protecting Australia's children 2009—2020

In May 2008, the Australian Government released a discussion paper for consultation, *Australia's children, safe and well: A national framework for protecting Australia's children*. The discussion paper was developed by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to canvass options for a national framework for protecting Australian children. Comments on the discussion paper were invited up until 30 June 2008. During this time, the Australian Government received almost 200 submissions. Consultations were also held across Australia. On 30 April 2009, COAG endorsed the final framework, *Protecting Children is Everyone's Business: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020* ("the National Framework").

1. The National Framework's main goal is to ensure that Australia's children and young people are safe and well. To measure this high-level outcome, the National Framework sets the following target: a substantial and sustained reduction in child abuse and neglect in Australia over time. To demonstrate progress towards achieving the target of a substantial and sustained reduction in child abuse and neglect over time, the National Framework sets out four key measures and six supporting outcomes, one of which is that Indigenous children are supported and safe in their families and communities.

The Report's child protection and out-of-home care performance indicator framework already includes and reports upon several National Framework performance indicators. In addition, the Steering Committee has previously identified developments for the Report's child protection and out-of-home care performance indicator framework which are complementary to many of the measures in the National Framework. In further developing the Report's child protection and out-of-home care performance indicator framework, the Steering Committee will reflect and report consistently with applicable National Framework developments.

Report on Government Services alignment with National Agreement reporting

It is anticipated that future editions of this chapter will align with applicable National Agreement indicators, including the National Indigenous Reform

Agreement (NIRA). Further alignment between the Report and National Agreement indicators, and other reporting changes, might result from future developments in National Agreement and National Partnership reporting.

Juvenile justice services

Juvenile justice systems are responsible for attending to young people (predominantly aged 10–17 years) who have committed or allegedly committed an offence while considered by law to be a juvenile. In so doing, juvenile justice systems 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.

Responsibility for the provision of juvenile justice services in Australia resides with State and Territory governments. The relevant department in each State and Territory responsible for funding and/or providing juvenile justice services in 2008-09 is listed in 2010 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. National coordination takes place through the Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA). AJJA is a Standing Committee of the Community and Disability Services Ministerial Advisory Council (CDSMAC).

Juvenile detention

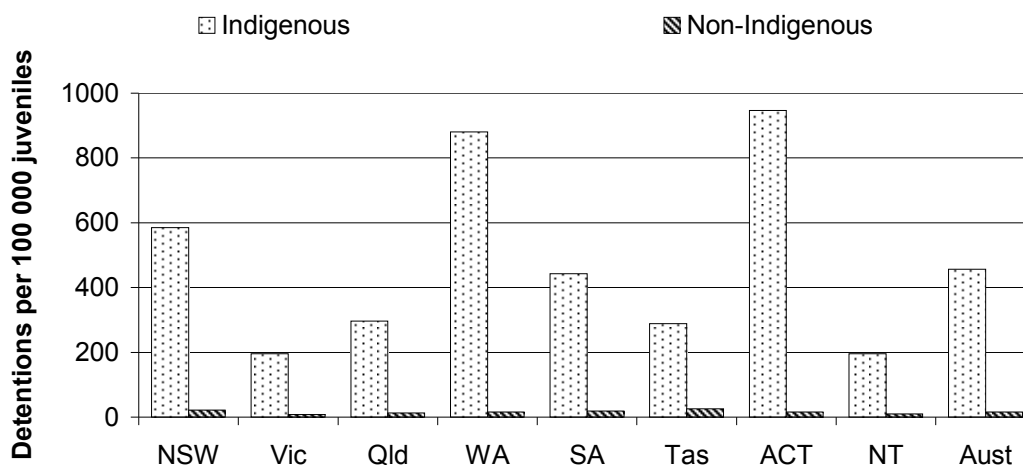
Numbers and rates of Indigenous young people placed in detention

The daily average number of Indigenous young people aged 10–17 years detained in juvenile detention centres was 469 in 2007-08 (table 15A.112). Nationally, the daily average detention rate for Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in 2007-08 was 456.1 per 100 000 Indigenous people aged 10–17 years. The rate for the non-Indigenous population aged 10–17 years in 2007-08 was 15.3 per 100 000 non-Indigenous people aged 10-17 years (table 15A.113).

Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for jurisdictions 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 over-representation of Indigenous young people in detention across jurisdictions in 2007-08 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, 2007-08^{a, b}



^a Rates of detention for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in NSW in each quarter in 2007-08 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. ^b The ACT 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.113 should also be taken into account.

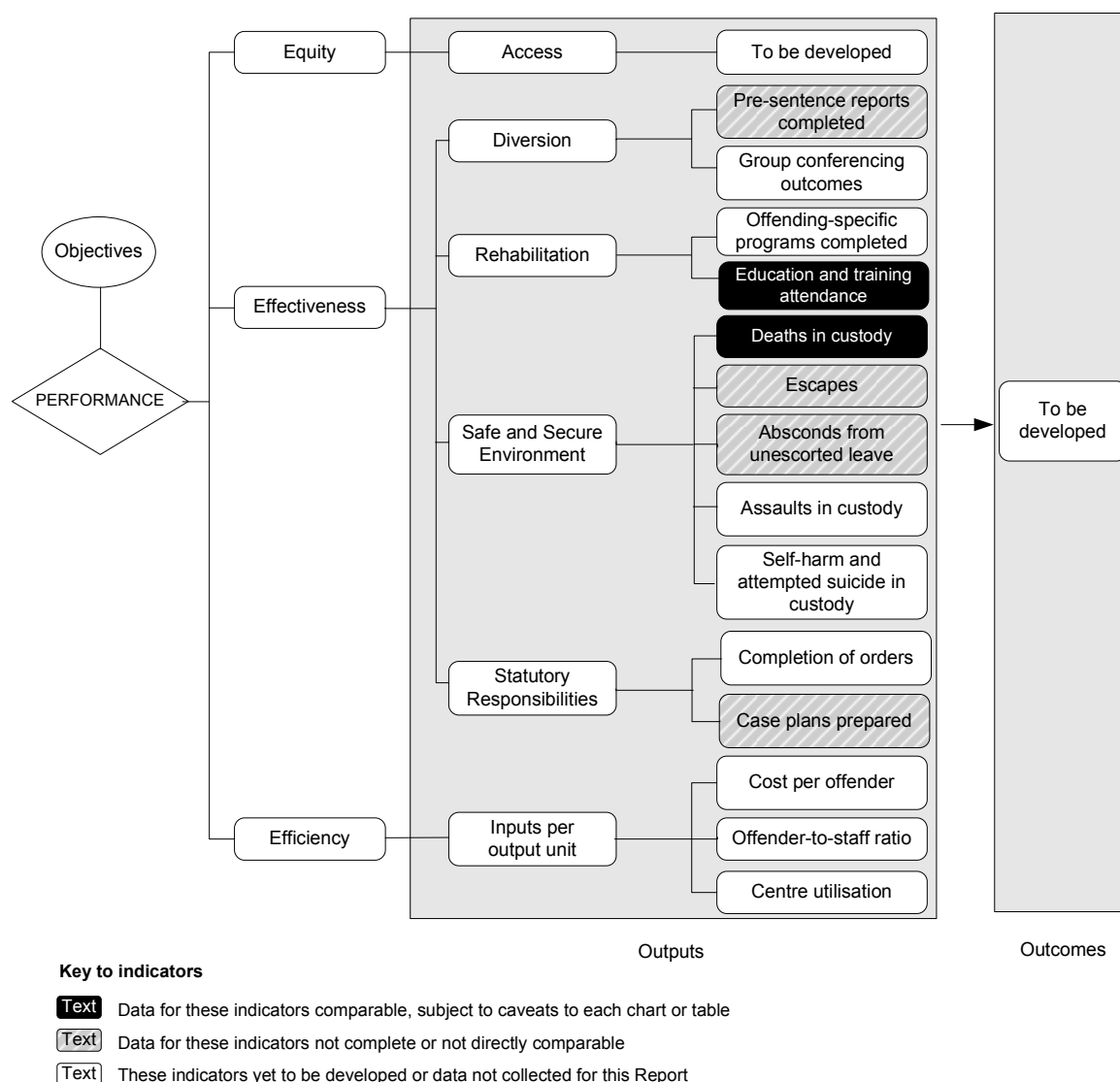
Source: AIHW JJ NMDS (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished); table 15A.113; 2010 Report, figure 15.17, p. 15.58.

Framework of performance indicators for juvenile justice services

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for juvenile justice in the 2010 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 2010 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

The Report's statistical appendix contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. These data cover a range of demographic and geographic characteristics, including age profile, geographic distribution of the population, income levels, education levels, tenure of dwellings and cultural heritage (including Indigenous and ethnic status) (appendix A).

Figure 15.7 Performance indicators for juvenile justice services



Source: 2010 Report, figure 15.18, p. 15.60.

Juvenile justice services reporting for Indigenous people

Safe and secure environment — escapes

‘Escapes’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that juvenile justice agencies provide a safe and secure environment for young people in custody, and the community (box 15.4).

Box 15.4 Escapes

'Escapes' is defined by two measures:

- the number of escapes from a juvenile justice detention centre, as a proportion of all young people in custody
- the number of escapes during periods of escorted movement, as a proportion of all periods of escorted movement.

An escape from a juvenile justice detention centre is defined as a breach of a secure perimeter or defined boundary of a juvenile justice detention centre by a young person under the supervision of the centre.

A period of escorted movement is defined as a period of time during which a young person is in the custody of the juvenile justice agency while outside a detention centre. The period of escorted movement ends when the young person is returned to the detention centre, or is no longer in the legal or physical custody of the juvenile justice agency. An escape from an escorted movement is defined as the failure of a young person to remain in the custody of a supervising juvenile justice worker or approved service provider during a period of escorted movement.

An escape is counted each time a young person escapes. For example, if a young person escapes three times in a counting period, three escapes are recorded. If three young people escape at the same time, three escapes are recorded.

A zero escape rate is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

Nationally, there was a total of 4 escapes from juvenile justice detention in 2008-09, which was equivalent to 0.1 escapes per 10 000 young people in juvenile justice detention in 2008-09 (table 15.1).

Table 15.1 Rate and number of escapes from juvenile justice detention centres, by Indigenous status, 2008-09^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>
Rate per 10 000 detainees									
Indigenous	0.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.2
Non-Indigenous	0.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1
Unknown	–	–	..	–	–	..	..	..	–
Total	0.3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1
Number of escapes									
Indigenous	3.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3.0
Non-Indigenous	1.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1.0
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	4.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.0

^a Refer to table 15A.118 for detailed footnotes. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.118; 2010 Report, table 15.5, p. 15.67.

Nationally, there was a total of 5 escapes from escorted movements in 2008-09, which was equivalent to 3.0 escapes per 10 000 periods of escorted movement in 2008-09 (table 15.2). The number of escapes from escorted movement in 2008-09 varied across jurisdictions.

Table 15.2 Rate and number of escapes from escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09^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>
Rate per 10 000 periods of escorted movement									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	10.2	–	–	na	1.5
Non-Indigenous	5.3	–	–	–	–	na	–	na	4.6
Unknown	–	..	..	..	..	–	–	–	–
Total	3.0	–	–	–	3.6	28.1	–	–	3.1
Number of escapes									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	1.0	–	–	na	1.0
Non-Indigenous	2.0	–	–	–	–	2.0	–	na	4.0
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	2.0	–	–	–	1.0	2.0	–	–	5.0

^a Refer to table 15A.118 for detailed footnotes. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.118; 2010 Report, table 15.6, p. 15.68.

Statutory responsibilities — case plans prepared

‘Case plans prepared’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that juvenile justice agencies support young people to minimise the likelihood of re-offending by addressing their offending-related needs (box 15.5).

Box 15.5 Case plans prepared

‘Case plans prepared’ is defined as the number of eligible young people who had a documented case plan prepared or reviewed within six weeks of commencing:

- a sentenced detention order, as a proportion of all young people commencing a sentenced detention order
- a sentenced community-based order, as a proportion of all young people commencing a sentenced community-based order.

An eligible young person is one who is serving a sentenced order that requires case management.

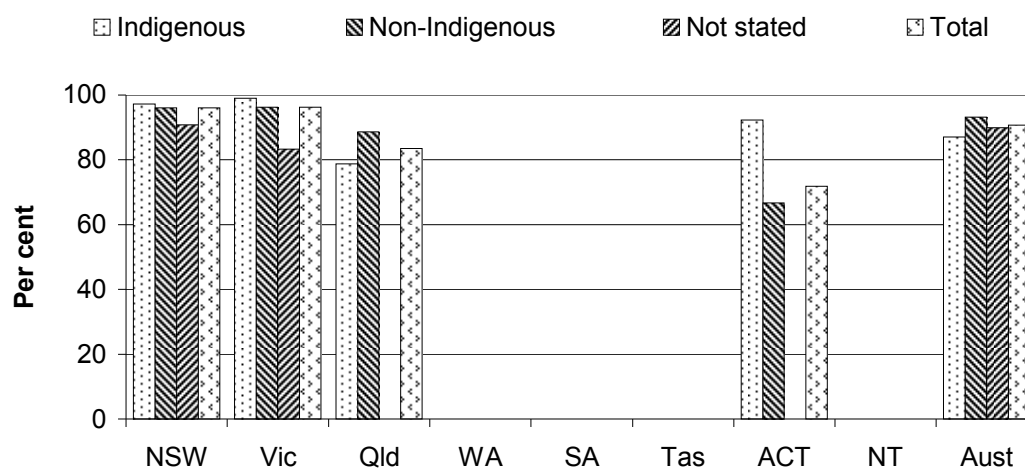
A high or increasing rate of case plans prepared is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

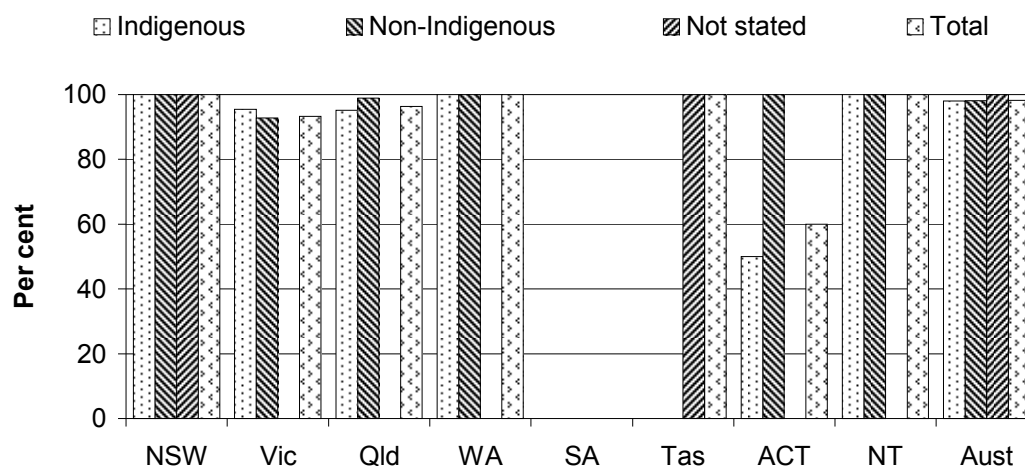
Nationally, 90.7 per cent of case plans were prepared within six weeks of commencing a sentenced community-based order in 2008-09 (figure 15.8(a)). Nationally, 98.2 per cent of case plans were prepared within six weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order in 2008-09 (figure 15.8(b)). Proportions varied across jurisdictions.

Figure 15.8 Proportion of case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing sentenced detention orders and sentenced community-based orders, by Indigenous status, 2008-09^a

(a) Case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced community-based order^b



(b) Case plans prepared within 6-weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order^c



^a Refer to table 15A.120 for detailed footnotes. ^b Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced community-based order were not available for WA, SA, Tasmania and the NT. ^c Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order were not available for SA.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.120; 2010 Report, figure 15.21, p. 15.71.

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 most recent program (SAAP V 2005-2010, but replaced on 1 January 2009) was governed by the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1994*. The Act specified that the overall aim of SAAP was to provide transitional supported accommodation and related support services to assist people who are homeless to achieve self-reliance and independence. Within this broad aim, the goals of the SAAP program were to resolve crises, to re-establish family links where appropriate, and to re-establish a capacity to live independently of SAAP services.

As part of the SAAP program, non-government, community and local government agencies delivered a variety of services to clients, including supported accommodation, counselling, advocacy, links to housing, health, education and employment services, outreach support, brokerage and meals services, and financial and employment assistance.

SAAP and the link with other services

Close links also exist with other forms of housing assistance reported in the Housing chapter of the Report (chapter 16). Chapter 16 focuses on the performance of government in providing public housing, State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH), community housing, and financial assistance for crisis accommodation under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA). As the CSHA was subsumed by the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) on 1 January 2009, chapter 16 of this Report includes CSHA data from 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008, and NAHA data from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009 (termed CSHA/NAHA data).

Framework of performance indicators for supported accommodation and assistance services

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for SAAP services in the 2010 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the

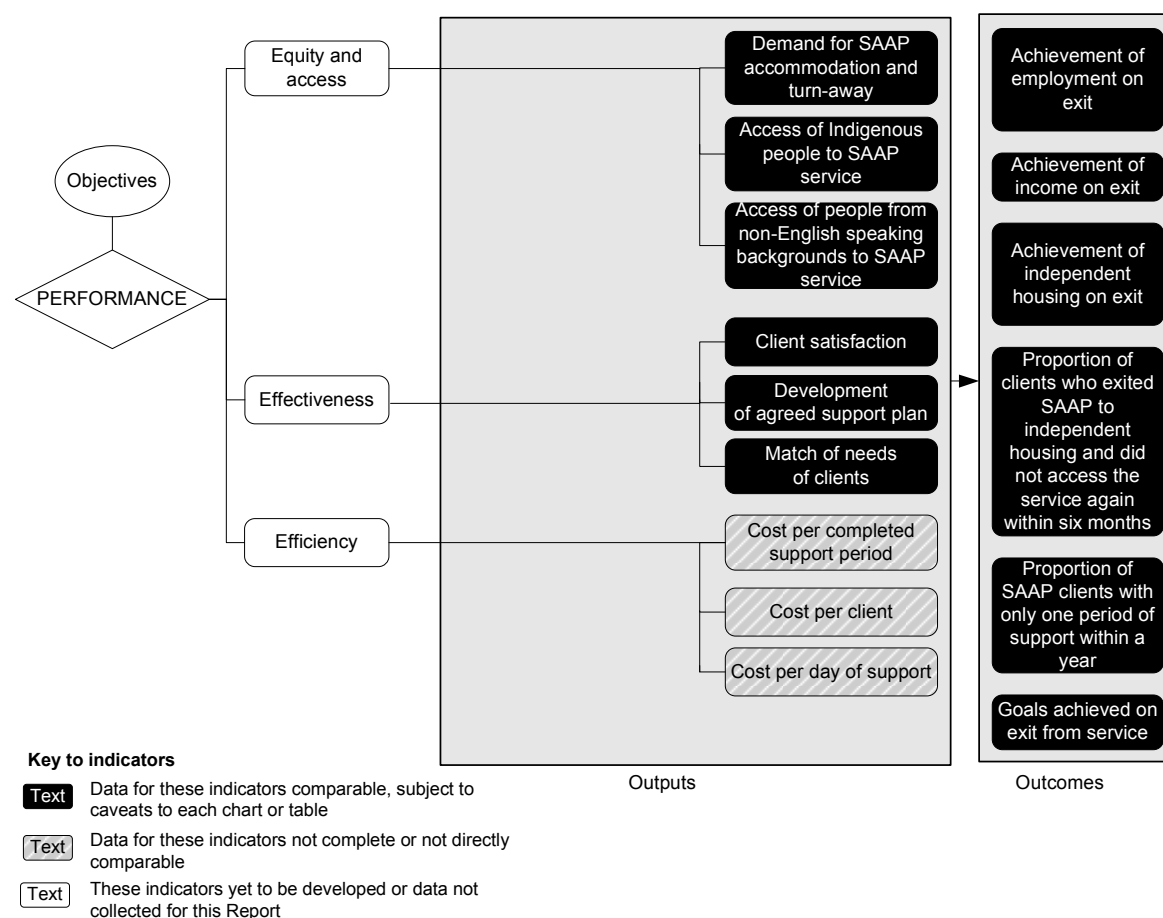
context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 15.9. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2010 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

The Report's statistical appendix contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. These data cover a range of demographic and geographic characteristics, including age profile, geographic distribution of the population, income levels, education levels, tenure of dwellings and cultural heritage (including Indigenous and ethnic status) (appendix A).

COAG has agreed six National Agreements to enhance accountability to the public for the outcomes achieved or outputs delivered by a range of government services (see 2010 Report, chapter 1 for more detail on reforms to federal financial relations). The NAHA covers the area of housing and homelessness (previously SAAP) services, while the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA) establishes specific outcomes for reducing the level of disadvantage experienced by Indigenous Australians. The agreements include sets of performance indicators, for which the Steering Committee collates annual performance information for analysis by the COAG Reform Council (CRC).

The measurement details of relevant National Agreement reporting were under development at the time of preparing this Report. It is anticipated that the performance indicator results reported in the Protection and support services chapter will be revised to align with the performance indicators in the National Agreements for the 2011 Report.

Figure 15.9 Performance indicators for SAAP services



Source: 2010 Report, figure 15.24, p. 15.82.

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

Box 15.6 Information 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.
- Nationally, in 2007-08, clients consented to provide personal details for the SAAP client collection in 88.6 per cent of support periods, while 92.1 per cent of agencies participated in the client collection. A weighting system has been developed to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation (AIHW 2009).

SAAP services reporting for Indigenous people

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 proportion of valid requests receiving assistance is desirable.

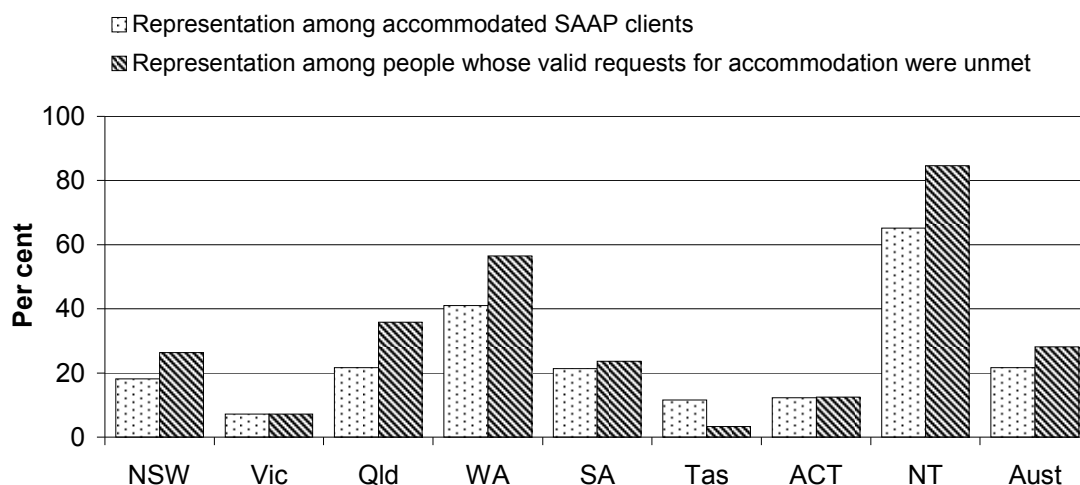
The indicator measures the extent to which the demand for assistance from Indigenous people is met or unmet. Unmet demand occurs when a homeless person expressly asking for supported accommodation, or support, cannot be provided with that assistance (although one-off assistance might be provided).

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 28.2 per cent of all people whose valid requests for accommodation did not result in accommodation assistance in 2007-08 — a proportion greater than Indigenous clients among all accommodated SAAP clients (21.7 per cent). This result varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.10).

Figure 15.10 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2007-08^a



^a See notes to table 15A.121 for details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client and Demand for Accommodation Collections* (unpublished); AIHW (2009) *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2007-08: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report series 13. Cat. No. HOU 211; table 15A.121; 2010 Report, figure 15.27, p. 15.88.

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

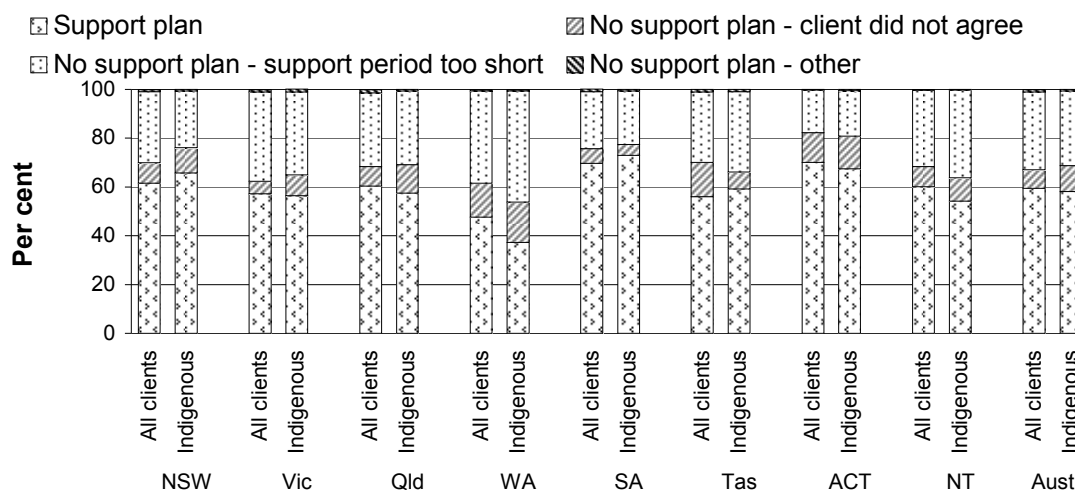
‘Development of agreed support plan’ is defined as the number of closed support periods with an agreed support plan divided by the total number of closed support periods. A closed support period is a support period that had finished on or before 30 June. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

A high 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 59.5 per cent of closed support periods for all clients in 2007-08 (compared to 58.2 per cent for Indigenous clients). These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.11).

Figure 15.11 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, 2007-08^a



^a See notes to 2010 Report, tables 15A.185-186 for more details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.122 and 2010 Report, table 15A.192; 2010 Report, figure 15.29, p. 15.91.

Match of needs of clients

‘Match of needs of clients’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that SAAP services meet 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 clients that are provided, as well as those referred to another agency, divided by the total number of distinct services required by SAAP clients.

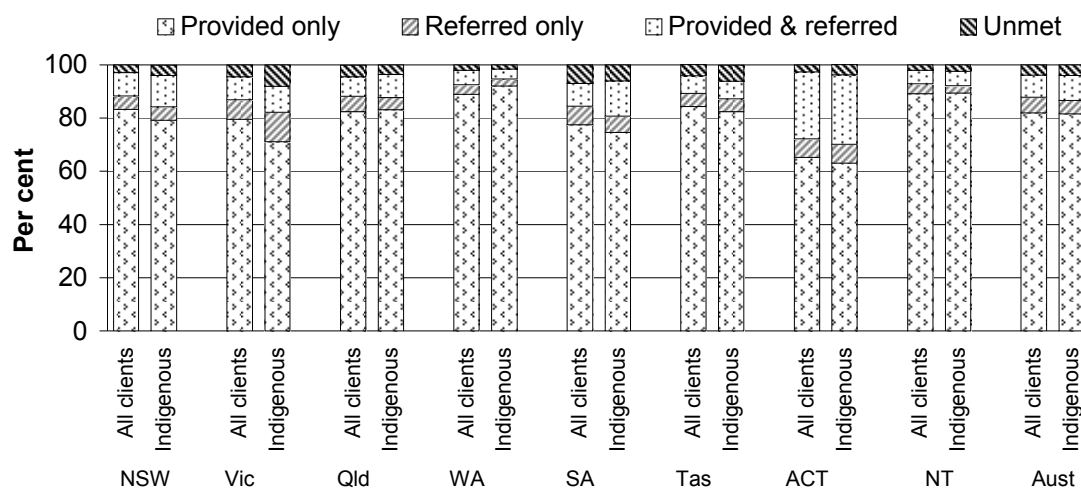
A high proportion of clients who received services they needed, or who were referred to another agency, is desirable.

The range of services needed by SAAP clients 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) and clients from a non-English speaking background (97.0 per cent) who received services in 2007-08 were similar to that for all clients (96.1 per cent). These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figures 15.12).

Figure 15.12 Indigenous clients, by met and unmet support needs, 2007-08



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.123 and 2010 Report, table 15A.194; 2010 Report, figure 15.31, p. 15.92.

Indigenous outcomes for SAAP

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 and training. Support periods reported relate to these clients only.

A high or increasing proportion of clients achieving employment after SAAP support is desirable.

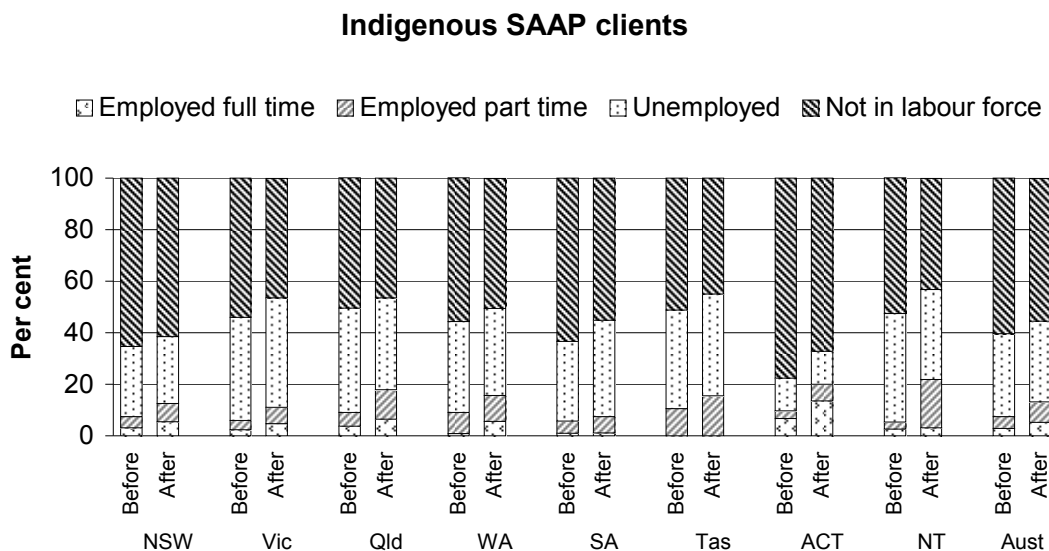
This indicator compares these clients' employment status before and after they requested SAAP support. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

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 2007-08, the proportion of clients who were employed either full time or part time increased from 7.5 per cent before support to 13.2 per cent after support (5.2 per cent full time and 8.0 per cent part time). The proportion of clients who were unemployed decreased from 32.1 per cent before support to 31.3 per cent after support. The proportion of clients who were not in the labour force decreased from 60.4 per cent before support to 55.4 per cent after support. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.13(b) and table 15A.125).

Figure 15.13 Changes in labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2007-08^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.125; 2010 Report, figure 15.36(b), p. 15.99.

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.

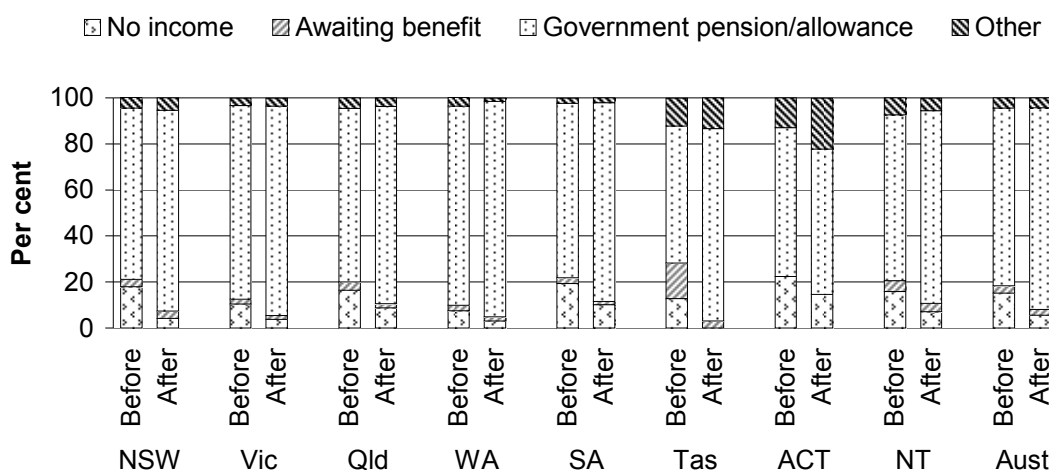
A high or increasing proportion of clients who requested income assistance and exited SAAP with an income source is desirable.

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 2007-08 17.1 per cent of SAAP support periods in which clients who requested income assistance did not have income prior to SAAP assistance. After SAAP assistance, the proportion of SAAP support periods in which clients who had requested income assistance and had no income was 5.9 per cent (2010 Report, figure 15.37). The proportion of Indigenous clients who did not have income and requested income assistance also decreased after SAAP assistance (from 15.2 per cent to 5.6 per cent nationally) (figure 15.14). Both before and after SAAP assistance, the income source for the majority of SAAP clients was a government pension/benefit (figures 15.14 and 2010 Report, figure 15.37).

Figure 15.14 Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2007-08



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.127; 2010 Report, figure 15.38, p. 15.101.

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 closed support periods in which clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieved independent housing, divided by the total number of closed support periods in which clients requested assistance obtaining or maintaining independent housing.

A high or increasing proportion of SAAP closed support periods in which clients achieve independent housing is desirable.

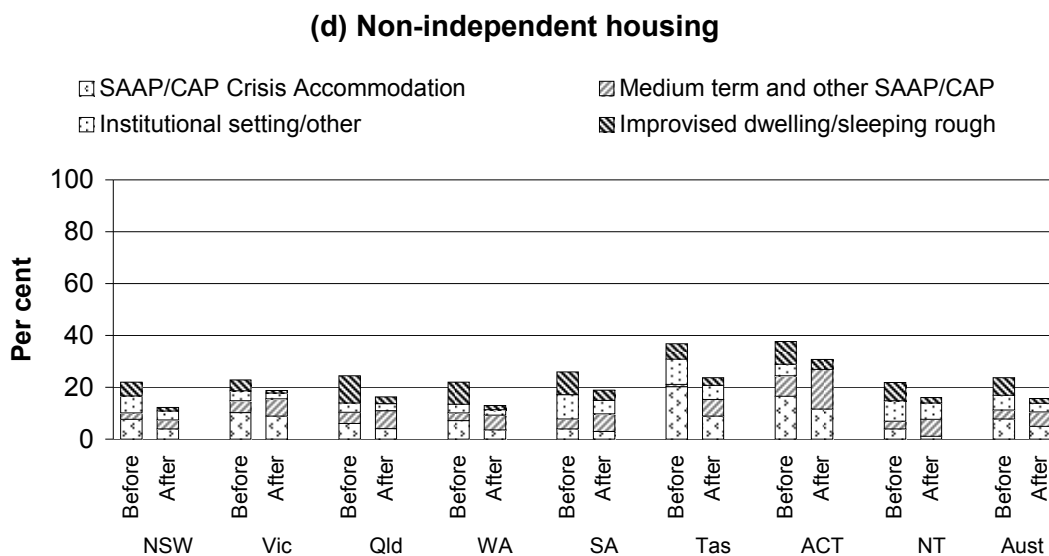
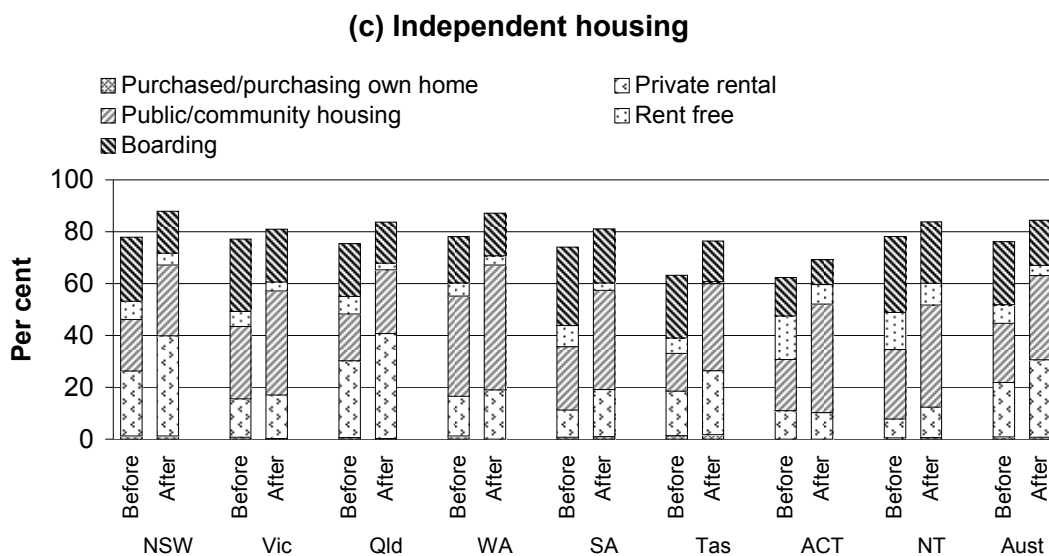
This indicator compares the proportion of clients who were in independent housing before and after they received SAAP support. It relates to relatively short term outcomes — that is, outcomes for clients immediately after their support period. Longer term outcomes are important, but more difficult to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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Among Indigenous clients, on a national basis, 84.4 per cent of clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieved independent housing at the end of a support period in 2007-08, including those who moved or returned to private rental housing (29.9 per cent), to public or community rental housing (32.5 per cent), and who were boarding (17.4 per cent) (figure 15.15a).

Closed support periods in which clients did not achieve independent housing included those who moved to, or continued to live in, short to medium term SAAP accommodation and other forms of non-independent accommodation (figure 15.15b).

Figure 15.15 Accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, Indigenous SAAP clients, 2007-08



Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished) table 15A.124 and 2010 Report, table 15A.202; 2010 Report, figure 15.40, p. 15.104.

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 high or increasing proportion of clients with only one support period during the year is desirable.

Many of the problems and barriers that lead people into homelessness are not easily fixed (FaHCSIA 2008). Therefore, a number of SAAP clients might access SAAP services several times before their needs are met on a permanent basis (for example, moving from crisis accommodation to medium term accommodation).

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 72.7 per cent of SAAP clients had only one support period in 2007-08 (2010 Report, figure 15.41). The proportion for Indigenous clients was similar (71.6 per cent) (table 15A.126).

Future directions in performance reporting

COAG developments

Report on Government Services alignment with National Agreement reporting

It is anticipated that future editions of this chapter will align with applicable National Agreement indicators, including the National Indigenous Reform Agreement. Further alignment between the Report and National Agreement indicators, and other reporting changes, might result from future developments in National Agreement and National Partnership reporting.

While relevant ministerial groups, data agencies and the Steering Committee are progressing the development of performance indicators for the NAHA and associated partnerships, an interim SAAP collection will continue until end-June 2011.

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 services attachment). Attachment tables are on the Review website (www.pc.gov.au/gsp). Users without access to the website can contact the Secretariat to obtain the attachment tables (see contact details on the inside front cover of the Compendium). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

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15A Protection and support services — attachment

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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>
Indigenous children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	9 663	720	1 979	574	816	108	146	694
Not substantiated	no.	18 140	389	2 203	719	956	60	134	533
Total finalised	no.	27 803	1 109	4 182	1 293	1 772	168	280	1 227
Investigations in process (c)	no.	1 148	150	1 142	111	11	27	–	428
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	5 532	–	151	55	–	4	38	367
Total investigations	no.	34 483	1 259	5 475	1 459	1 783	199	318	2 022
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	7 482	1 861	..	2 112	3 212	497	721	2 161
Total notifications	no.	41 965	3 120	5 475	3 571	4 995	696	1 039	4 183
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.0	23.1	36.1	16.1	16.3	15.5	14.1	16.6
Not substantiated	%	43.2	12.5	40.2	20.1	19.1	8.6	12.9	12.7
Total finalised	%	66.3	35.5	76.4	36.2	35.5	24.1	26.9	29.3
Investigations in process (c)	%	2.7	4.8	20.9	3.1	–	3.9	–	10.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	13.2	–	2.8	1.5	–	0.6	3.7	8.8
Total investigations	%	82.2	40.4	100.0	40.9	35.7	28.6	30.6	48.3
Dealt with by other means	%	17.8	59.6	..	59.1	64.3	71.4	69.4	51.7
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.	24 415	5 624	5 336	949	1 603	1 080	750	164
Not substantiated	no.	66 292	3 567	8 937	1 475	2 511	807	747	294
Total finalised	no.	90 707	9 191	14 273	2 424	4 114	1 887	1 497	458
Investigations in process (c)	no.	4 170	767	3 118	182	23	201	–	228
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	21 899	–	542	97	–	168	170	111
Total investigations	no.	116 776	9 958	17 933	2 703	4 137	2 256	1 667	797
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	54 945	29 773	..	3 885	14 089	7 393	6 889	1 209
Total notifications	no.	171 721	39 731	17 933	6 588	18 226	9 649	8 556	2 006
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	14.2	14.2	29.8	14.4	8.8	11.2	8.8	8.2
Not substantiated	%	38.6	9.0	49.8	22.4	13.8	8.4	8.7	14.7
Total finalised	%	52.8	23.1	79.6	36.8	22.6	19.6	17.5	22.8

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Investigations in process (c)	%	2.4	1.9	17.4	2.8	0.1	2.1	–	11.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	12.8	–	3.0	1.5	–	1.7	2.0	5.5
Total investigations	%	68.0	25.1	100.0	41.0	22.7	23.4	19.5	39.7
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	32.0	74.9	..	59.0	77.3	76.6	80.5	60.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	34 078	6 344	7 315	1 523	2 419	1 188	896	858
Not substantiated	no.	84 432	3 956	11 140	2 194	3 467	867	881	827
Total finalised	no.	118 510	10 300	18 455	3 717	5 886	2 055	1 777	1 685
Investigations in process (c)	no.	5 318	917	4 260	293	34	228	–	656
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	27 431	–	693	152	–	172	208	478
Total investigations	no.	151 259	11 217	23 408	4 162	5 920	2 455	1 985	2 819
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	62 427	31 634	..	5 997	17 301	7 890	7 610	3 370
Total notifications	no.	213 686	42 851	23 408	10 159	23 221	10 345	9 595	6 189
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	15.9	14.8	31.3	15.0	10.4	11.5	9.3	13.9
Not substantiated	%	39.5	9.2	47.6	21.6	14.9	8.4	9.2	13.4
Total finalised	%	55.5	24.0	78.8	36.6	25.3	19.9	18.5	27.2
Investigations in process (c)	%	2.5	2.1	18.2	2.9	0.1	2.2	–	10.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	12.8	–	3.0	1.5	–	1.7	2.2	7.7
Total investigations	%	70.8	26.2	100.0	41.0	25.5	23.7	20.7	45.5
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	29.2	73.8	..	59.0	74.5	76.3	79.3	54.5
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, 2008-09 (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; 2010 Report, table 15A.5.

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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	850	258	677	307	166	23	41	179
Had prior admissions to orders	280	175	1 040	276	136	64	40	75
Total children admitted	1 130	433	1 717	583	302	87	81	254
Children discharged from orders	533	252	682	172	155	29	39	220
Non-Indigenous (b)								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 252	1 659	1 291	401	454	266	147	78
Had prior admissions to orders	445	1 149	1 639	371	331	274	153	12
Total children admitted	2 697	2 808	2 930	772	785	540	300	90
Children discharged from orders	1 581	1 525	1 586	375	384	245	136	113
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	3 102	1 917	1 968	708	620	289	188	257
Had prior admissions to orders	725	1 324	2 679	647	467	338	193	87
Total children admitted	3 827	3 241	4 647	1 355	1 087	627	381	344
Children discharged from orders	2 114	1 777	2 268	547	539	274	175	333

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.17, 15A.29, 15A.41, 15A.53, 15A.65, 15A.77, 15A.89 and 15A.101; 2010 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 2009 (number) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA (c)	Tas	ACT	NT
Number of Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	2 555	593	2 021	1 154	512	125	85	376
Third party parental responsibility orders	814	–	177	46	9	na	4	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	208	114	52	–	1	6	–
Interim and temporary orders	582	24	408	213	29	25	30	24
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	28	–	na	–	23	–	5	28
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	na
Total Indigenous children	3 979	825	2 720	1 465	573	151	130	428
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	6 521	3 781	3 801	1 461	1 602	659	350	130
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 661	–	486	58	29	na	13	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	1 341	355	92	7	25	36	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 221	153	580	261	90	150	63	11
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	109	–	na	–	60	6	18	8
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	9 512	5 275	5 222	1 872	1 788	840	480	149
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	9 076	4 374	5 822	2 615	2 114	784	435	506
Third party parental responsibility orders	2 475	–	663	104	38	na	17	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	1 549	469	144	7	26	42	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 803	177	988	474	119	175	93	35
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	137	–	na	–	83	6	23	36
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	na
Total all children	13 491	6 100	7 942	3 337	2 361	991	610	577

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

(b) Supervisory, third party parental responsibility and administrative/voluntary arrangements are reported under 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.

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

Source: Tables 15A.18, 15A.30, 15A.42, 15A.54, 15A.66, 15A.78, 15A.90 and 15A.102; 2010 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, 2008-09 (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	17 206	2 264	4 650	2 999	2 767	445	407	2 874	33 612
Non-Indigenous	93 133	31 299	16 105	5 792	11 923	6 682	4 546	1 371	170 851
All children	110 339	33 563	20 755	8 791	14 690	7 127	4 953	4 245	204 463
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	260.9	159.7	71.8	102.7	235.5	57.6	227.2	112.4	152.2
Non-Indigenous	63.7	27.7	17.2	12.5	37.1	64.5	63.5	40.9	37.8
All children	72.2	29.4	20.8	17.8	44.1	64.1	67.5	71.8	43.1
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	12 227	1 017	3 555	1 177	1 154	152	181	1 295	20 758
Non-Indigenous	49 868	8 767	12 922	2 239	3 118	1 635	1 071	486	80 106
All children	62 095	9 784	16 477	3 416	4 272	1 787	1 252	1 781	100 864
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	185.4	71.8	54.9	40.3	98.2	19.7	101.1	50.7	94.0
Non-Indigenous	34.1	7.8	13.8	4.8	9.7	15.8	15.0	14.5	17.7
All children	40.6	8.6	16.5	6.9	12.8	16.1	17.1	30.1	21.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	3 749	684	1 747	545	598	98	97	617	8 135
Non-Indigenous	10 208	5 445	4 849	909	1 303	976	508	145	24 343
All children	13 957	6 129	6 596	1 454	1 901	1 074	605	762	32 478
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	56.8	48.3	27.0	18.7	50.9	12.7	54.2	24.1	36.8
Non-Indigenous	7.0	4.8	5.2	2.0	4.1	9.4	7.1	4.3	5.4
All children	9.1	5.4	6.6	2.9	5.7	9.7	8.2	12.9	6.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2009									
Number of children									
Indigenous	3 979	825	2 720	1 465	573	151	130	428	10 271
Non-Indigenous	9 512	5 275	5 222	1 872	1 788	840	480	149	25 138
All children	13 491	6 100	7 942	3 337	2 361	991	610	577	35 409
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	56.9	54.7	39.5	47.4	45.8	18.4	68.2	15.8	43.8
Non-Indigenous	6.1	4.4	5.2	3.8	5.2	7.6	6.3	4.2	5.2
All children	8.3	5.0	7.4	6.3	6.7	8.4	7.8	9.2	7.0

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

Table 15A.4 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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; 2010 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, 2008-09 (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	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
Non-Indigenous	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124	23 557
All children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482	34 069
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	71.3	48.7	36.0	38.8	41.7	15.8	52.4	13.2	44.8
Non-Indigenous	6.6	3.8	4.6	3.0	4.4	6.2	5.1	3.5	4.9
All children	9.4	4.3	6.7	5.1	5.7	6.8	6.3	7.7	6.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	5 798	1 073	3 136	1 491	656	152	175	543	13 024
Non-Indigenous	12 200	6 753	6 391	1 965	1 863	859	717	204	30 952
All children	17 998	7 826	9 527	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747	43 976
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	83.2	71.5	45.9	48.4	52.8	18.5	92.5	20.1	55.8
Non-Indigenous	7.9	5.6	6.4	4.0	5.5	7.8	9.4	5.8	6.4
All children	11.1	6.4	9.0	6.6	7.1	8.5	11.4	12.0	8.7

(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 definition of OOHC introduced in 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; 2010 Report, table 15A.16.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2009 (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	76	73	135	42	33	5	16	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	57	–	8	–	11
Home based care								
Foster care	1 584	278	1 491	400	199	75	38	231
Relative/kinship care	3 303	343	855	693	265	33	46	79
Other home based care	–	38	..	–	–	9	–	–
Total home based	4 887	659	2 346	1 093	464	117	84	310
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	2	..	2	4	–	–	3
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	3	20	–	–	25
Total Indigenous children	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358
Non-Indigenous								
Residential care	266	405	309	56	140	26	37	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	34	–	21	–	1
Home based care								
Foster care	4 577	2 112	2 779	885	778	363	175	78
Relative/kinship care	5 317	1 620	1 524	494	502	196	181	28
Other home based care	–	377	..	–	3	62	–	–
Total home based	9 894	4 109	4 303	1 379	1 283	621	356	106
Independent living (incl. private board)	60	35	..	15	16	1	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	1	56	9	1	17
Total non-Indigenous children	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124
All children								
Residential care	342	478	444	98	173	31	53	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	91	–	29	–	12
Home based care								
Foster care	6 161	2 390	4 270	1 285	977	438	213	309
Relative/kinship care	8 620	1 963	2 379	1 187	767	229	227	107
Other home based care	–	415	..	–	3	71	–	–
Total home based	14 781	4 768	6 649	2 472	1 747	738	440	416
Independent living (incl. private board)	87	37	..	17	20	1	–	3
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	4	76	9	1	42
Total children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482

(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 definition of OOHC introduced in 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 2009 (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; 2010 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 2009 (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	3 694	578	2 330	1 184	462	130	99	358
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	13	–	–	–
Not on an order	1 297	156	151	13	46	–	1	–
Total Indigenous children	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	8 651	3 610	4 318	1 460	1 441	675	384	124
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	32	1	5	–
Not on an order	1 569	939	294	25	22	2	5	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124
All children								
Care and protection order	12 345	4 188	6 648	2 644	1 903	805	483	482
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	45	1	5	–
Not on an order	2 866	1 095	445	38	68	2	6	–
Total all children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482

(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; 2010 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 2009 (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	21	–	na	na	3	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	96	17	89	21	2	4	2	17
1 to less than 6 months	471	84	292	101	45	15	20	53
6 months to less than 1 year	610	109	306	118	52	22	10	56
1 to less than 2 years	814	133	443	210	60	16	16	56
2 to less than 5 years	1 469	208	772	424	46	50	19	99
5 years or more	1 510	183	579	323	313	23	33	77
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 970	734	2 481	1 197	518	130	100	358
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	46	5	na	na	2	na	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	183	137	123	38	3	11	6	9
1 to less than 6 months	938	459	411	138	111	89	37	17
6 months to less than 1 year	1 079	521	486	113	114	92	57	14
1 to less than 2 years	1 733	684	830	234	181	99	69	24
2 to less than 5 years	2 838	1 237	1 369	448	167	216	122	33
5 years or more	3 403	1 506	1 393	514	917	171	102	27
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 174	4 544	4 612	1 485	1 493	678	393	124
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124
All children								
Respite	67	5	na	na	5	na	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	279	154	212	59	5	15	8	26
1 to less than 6 months	1 409	543	703	239	156	104	57	70
6 months to less than 1 year	1 689	630	792	231	166	114	67	70
1 to less than 2 years	2 547	817	1 273	444	241	115	85	80
2 to less than 5 years	4 307	1 445	2 141	872	213	266	141	132
5 years or more	4 913	1 689	1 972	837	1 230	194	135	104
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	15 144	5 278	7 093	2 682	2 011	808	493	482
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482

Table 15A.8 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2009 (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; 2010 Report, table 15A.19.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 **Children who exited care during the year 2008-09 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	173	67	173	20	36	4	21	na
6 months to less than 1 year	106	35	81	10	11	2	4	na
1 to less than 2 years	154	34	98	30	35	6	–	na
2 to less than 5 years	143	39	93	46	14	6	2	na
5 years or more	163	12	55	37	11	2	1	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	739	187	500	143	107	20	28	na
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	382	418	431	57	77	58	39	na
6 months to less than 1 year	234	213	188	46	34	16	12	na
1 to less than 2 years	303	196	248	47	41	19	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	248	228	252	94	65	21	11	na
5 years or more	341	93	131	57	50	16	12	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	1 508	1 148	1 250	301	267	130	82	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	555	485	604	77	113	62	60	na
6 months to less than 1 year	340	248	269	56	45	18	16	na
1 to less than 2 years	457	230	346	77	76	25	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	391	267	345	140	79	27	13	na
5 years or more	504	105	186	94	61	18	13	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	2 247	1 335	1 750	444	374	150	110	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; 2010 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>
2009										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	3 303	343	855	693	265	33	46	79	5 617
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 317	1 620	1 524	494	502	196	181	28	9 862
All children	no.	8 620	1 963	2 379	1 187	767	229	227	107	15 479
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	66.2	46.7	34.5	57.9	50.9	25.4	46.0	22.1	53.4
Non-Indigenous	%	52.0	35.6	33.0	33.3	33.6	28.9	45.9	22.6	41.9
All children	%	56.7	37.2	33.5	44.3	38.0	28.3	46.0	22.2	45.4
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

(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 definition of OOHC introduced in 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.

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 Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>Source:</i>	Tables 15A.25, 15A.37, 15A.49, 15A.61, 15A.73, 15A.85, 15A.97 and 15A.109; 2010 Report, table 15A.16; 2010 Report, table 15A.21.								

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2009 (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.	2 759	181	590	607	204	13	40	116	4 510
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	544	162	265	96	61	20	6	–	1 154
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	3 303	343	855	703	265	33	46	116	5 664
Other Indigenous carer	no.	843	75	566	169	112	3	9	52	1 829
Indigenous residential care	no.	23	13	24	26	18	–	3	–	107
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	866	88	590	195	130	3	12	52	1 936
Total children	no.	4 169	431	1 445	898	395	36	58	168	7 600
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	741	233	925	221	87	89	29	186	2 511
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	53	60	111	73	35	5	13	–	350
Total children	no.	794	293	1 036	294	122	94	42	186	2 861
Independent living/unknown	no.	28	10	..	5	4	–	–	4	51
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
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	%	55.6	25.0	23.8	50.9	39.5	10.0	40.0	32.8	43.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	11.0	22.4	10.7	8.1	11.8	15.4	6.0	–	11.0
Total placed with relative/kin	%	66.6	47.4	34.5	59.0	51.3	25.4	46.0	32.8	54.1
Other Indigenous carer	%	17.0	10.4	22.8	14.2	21.7	2.3	9.0	14.7	17.5
Indigenous residential care	%	0.5	1.8	1.0	2.2	3.5	–	3.0	–	1.0
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	17.4	12.2	23.8	16.4	25.1	2.3	12.0	14.7	18.5
Total children	%	84.0	59.5	58.2	75.3	76.4	27.7	58.0	47.5	72.7

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2009 (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	14.9	32.2	37.3	18.5	16.8	68.5	29.0	52.5	24.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.1	8.3	4.5	6.1	6.8	3.8	13.0	–	3.3
Total children	%	16.0	40.5	41.8	24.7	23.6	72.3	42.0	52.5	27.3
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; 2010 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 2009 (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.	3 424	467	1 862	907	343	97	60	250	7 410
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 749	2 575	3 048	994	892	463	242	66	15 029
All children	no.	10 173	3 042	4 910	1 901	1 235	560	302	316	22 439
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Indigenous	%	99.8	96.5	97.9	91.4	91.7	95.1	95.2	94.0	97.3
Non-Indigenous	%	99.7	97.5	98.5	97.0	91.5	96.3	100.0	91.7	98.3
All children	%	99.8	97.4	98.3	94.2	91.5	96.1	99.0	93.5	97.9

(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; 2010 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								
2004-05								
Indigenous	55	148	20	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	79	258	66	30	116	na
All children	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Indigenous	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
All children (e)	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	3 864	1 038	267	22	59	348	29
All children	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2008-09								
Indigenous	1 623	338	715	208	na	53	122	57
Non-Indigenous	4 688	4 729	1 484	281	na	715	357	16
All children (e)	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
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
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

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>
2007-08								
Male	141	232	890	190	24	44	236	46
Female	144	247	758	152	24	19	203	58
Unknown	–	3 537	196	29	–	–	–	–
Total	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2008-09								
Male	3 236	2 115	1 106	252	na	414	242	43
Female	2 926	1 848	1 056	235	na	344	214	25
Unknown	149	1 104	37	2	na	10	23	5
Total	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73

- (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 2008-09, the total number of children commencing an IFSS service includes the number of children entering the Brighter Futures, early intervention program.
- (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 IFSS' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year. In 2008-09, a new IFSS program was extended to the entire state of Tasmania and a centrally managed information system was established.
- (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); 2010 Report, table 15A.27.

Table 15A.14

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

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	60.7	61.1	61.2	61.5	66.0
Vic	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	14.2
Qld	58.0	58.4	59.1	59.7	64.8
WA	28.9	29.1	29.3	29.4	29.2
SA	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.7
Tas	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.7
ACT	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
NT	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.5	25.6
Australia	203.7	204.8	206.2	207.4	220.9
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 446.0	1 441.0	1 458.6	1 459.2	1 461.7
Vic	1 080.9	1 081.8	1 104.4	1 114.7	1 129.1
Qld	854.0	864.7	895.5	914.4	933.8
WA	428.5	430.0	443.1	450.3	464.8
SA	314.0	312.8	317.8	319.1	321.0
Tas	102.7	102.5	102.6	102.8	103.6
ACT	69.8	69.4	69.9	70.5	71.6
NT	33.1	33.4	34.7	35.1	33.6
Australia	4 329.0	4 335.7	4 426.6	4 466.1	4 519.2
All children					
NSW	1 506.6	1 502.0	1 519.8	1 520.8	1 527.7
Vic	1 093.2	1 094.1	1 116.7	1 127.1	1 143.2
Qld	912.0	923.1	954.6	974.1	998.6
WA	457.4	459.1	472.4	479.7	494.0
SA	325.2	323.9	329.1	330.4	332.7
Tas	110.4	110.3	110.3	110.5	111.3
ACT	71.6	71.2	71.7	72.3	73.4
NT	56.3	56.8	58.2	58.6	59.1
Australia	4 532.7	4 540.5	4 632.8	4 673.5	4 740.1
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	63.8	64.2	64.6	64.9	69.7
Vic	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.1	15.0
Qld	60.9	61.2	62.3	62.9	68.3
WA	30.5	30.7	30.9	31.1	30.8
SA	11.7	11.8	11.9	12.0	12.4
Tas	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
NT	24.5	24.6	24.8	24.9	27.0
Australia	214.4	215.4	217.6	219.1	233.3

Table 15A.14

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

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 533.0	1 528.6	1 548.0	1 550.5	1 553.5
Vic	1 146.8	1 148.1	1 173.6	1 185.1	1 199.9
Qld	905.4	917.4	949.8	971.1	991.7
WA	455.9	457.5	471.2	478.9	493.8
SA	333.9	332.7	338.3	343.0	341.8
Tas	109.1	108.9	108.9	109.3	110.1
ACT	74.3	73.9	74.6	75.1	76.3
NT	34.8	35.1	36.6	37.1	35.5
Australia	4 593.2	4 602.1	4 700.9	4 750.1	4 802.4
All children					
NSW	1 596.8	1 592.8	1 612.6	1 615.4	1 623.2
Vic	1 159.7	1 161.0	1 186.6	1 198.2	1 214.9
Qld	966.3	978.6	1 012.1	1 034.0	1 060.0
WA	486.4	488.1	502.1	510.0	524.7
SA	345.6	344.4	350.2	355.0	354.2
Tas	117.3	117.1	117.1	117.5	118.3
ACT	76.2	75.7	76.5	77.0	78.1
NT	59.3	59.7	61.4	62.0	62.4
Australia	4 807.6	4 817.6	4 918.5	4 969.2	5 035.7

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

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2010 Report, table 15A.30.

Table 15A.15

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

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09(b)
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	60.8	61.5	61.4	61.7	66.2
Vic	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.4	14.2
Qld	58.3	59.3	59.4	59.9	65.2
WA	29.0	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.2
SA	11.2	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.8
Tas	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7
ACT	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
NT	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	25.7
Australia	204.5	206.8	206.8	208.0	221.9
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 441.0	1 433.2	1 458.4	1 455.2	1 463.9
Vic	1 079.4	1 083.5	1 104.8	1 117.9	1 133.1
Qld	856.8	869.8	903.6	916.4	939.0
WA	427.5	432.3	445.1	454.1	468.0
SA	313.4	313.4	318.2	319.7	321.3
Tas	102.7	102.6	102.7	103.0	103.7
ACT	69.8	69.5	70.1	70.7	71.9
NT	33.0	33.4	34.9	35.2	33.5
Australia	4 323.7	4 337.6	4 437.8	4 472.4	4 534.5
All children					
NSW	1 501.9	1 494.7	1 519.8	1 516.9	1 530.0
Vic	1 091.6	1 095.9	1 117.2	1 130.3	1 147.3
Qld	915.1	929.1	963.0	976.3	1 004.3
WA	456.5	461.5	474.4	483.6	497.3
SA	324.6	324.6	329.4	331.0	333.1
Tas	110.4	110.4	110.5	110.8	111.4
ACT	71.6	71.3	71.9	72.6	73.7
NT	56.3	56.9	58.3	58.8	59.2
Australia	4 528.0	4 544.4	4 644.6	4 680.3	4 756.4
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	64.0	64.8	64.7	65.1	70.0
Vic	12.9	13.1	13.1	13.2	15.1
Qld	61.3	62.4	62.6	63.3	68.8
WA	30.6	30.9	31.0	31.2	30.9
SA	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.5
Tas	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.9	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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09(b)
NT	24.6	24.8	24.8	24.9	27.1
Australia	215.3	218.0	218.3	219.8	234.5
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 527.8	1 521.1	1 548.4	1 546.8	1 555.9
Vic	1 145.2	1 150.0	1 174.6	1 188.7	1 204.2
Qld	908.3	922.8	958.7	973.5	997.3
WA	454.7	459.8	473.4	482.9	497.2
SA	333.2	333.3	338.8	340.5	342.2
Tas	109.0	109.1	109.1	109.6	110.2
ACT	74.2	74.0	74.8	75.4	76.5
NT	34.7	35.0	36.8	37.2	35.4
Australia	4 587.0	4 605.2	4 714.5	4 754.6	4 818.9
All children					
NSW	1 591.8	1 585.9	1 613.1	1 611.9	1 625.8
Vic	1 158.1	1 163.1	1 187.7	1 201.9	1 219.3
Qld	969.6	985.2	1 021.3	1 036.8	1 066.1
WA	485.3	490.7	504.4	514.1	528.1
SA	345.0	345.2	350.7	352.5	354.7
Tas	117.2	117.3	117.3	117.9	118.4
ACT	76.1	75.9	76.7	77.3	78.5
NT	59.3	59.8	61.6	62.1	62.5
Australia	4 802.3	4 823.2	4 932.9	4 974.4	5 053.3

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

(b) Indigenous rates for 2008-09 were calculated using June data from 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2010 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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	3 140	6 868	9 401	8 860	9 663
Carer/family issues	no.	na	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 871	7 110	11 200	16 007	18 140
Total finalised	no.	7 011	13 978	20 601	24 867	27 803
Investigations in process (e)	no.	3 759	1 480	593	702	1 148
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	3 470	4 927	5 532
Total investigations	no.	10 770	15 458	24 664	30 496	34 483
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	8 612	6 959	7 482
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	9 560	9 531	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	20 330	24 989	33 276	37 455	41 965
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.4	27.5	28.3	23.7	23.0
Carer/family issues	%	na	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.0	28.5	33.7	42.7	43.2
Total finalised	%	34.5	55.9	61.9	66.4	66.3
Investigations in process (e)	%	18.5	5.9	1.8	1.9	2.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	10.4	13.2	13.2
Total investigations	%	53.0	61.9	74.1	81.4	82.2
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	25.9	18.6	17.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	47.0	38.1	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (h)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	12 353	22 941	27 693	25 275	24 415
Carer/family issues	no.	na	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	21 620	32 415	44 435	56 801	66 292
Total finalised	no.	33 973	55 356	72 128	82 076	90 707
Investigations in process (e)	no.	13 829	5 166	2 653	3 295	4 170

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	14 809	21 711	21 899
Total investigations	no.	47 802	60 522	89 590	107 082	116 776
Dealt with by other means (g)		..	..	67 062	51 062	54 945
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	65 504	67 295	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	113 306	127 817	156 652	158 144	171 721
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	10.9	17.9	17.7	16.0	14.2
Carer/family issues	%	na	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.1	25.4	28.4	35.9	38.6
Total finalised	%	30.0	43.3	46.0	51.9	52.8
Investigations in process (e)	%	12.2	4.0	1.7	2.1	2.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	9.5	13.7	12.8
Total investigations	%	42.2	47.4	57.2	67.7	68.0
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	42.8	32.3	32.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	57.8	52.6	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	15 493	29 809	37 094	34 135	34 078
Carer/family issues	no.	na	..	..	—	..
Not substantiated	no.	25 491	39 525	55 635	72 808	84 432
Total finalised	no.	40 984	69 334	92 729	106 943	118 510
Investigations in process (e)	no.	17 588	6 646	3 246	3 997	5 318
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	18 279	26 638	27 431
Total investigations	no.	58 572	75 980	114 254	137 578	151 259
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	75 674	58 021	62 427
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	75 064	76 826	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	133 636	152 806	189 928	195 599	213 686

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	11.6	19.5	19.5	17.5	15.9
Carer/family issues	%	na	..	..	–	..
Not substantiated	%	19.1	25.9	29.3	37.2	39.5
Total finalised	%	30.7	45.4	48.8	54.7	55.5
Investigations in process (e)	%	13.2	4.3	1.7	2.0	2.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	9.6	13.6	12.8
Total investigations	%	43.8	49.7	60.2	70.3	70.8
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	39.8	29.7	29.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	56.2	50.3	..	..	..
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 substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting 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) 'Carer/family issues' includes children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) The category 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' was 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. 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'.
- (h) 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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	391	521	556	674	850
Had prior admissions to orders	231	302	357	236	280
Total children admitted	622	823	913	910	1 130
Children discharged from orders	505	545	458	459	533
Non-Indigenous (a)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 327	1 556	1 870	2 104	2 252
Had prior admissions to orders	588	598	712	600	445
Total children admitted	1 915	2 154	2 582	2 704	2 697
Children discharged from orders	1 720	1 589	1 509	1 586	1 581
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 718	2 077	2 426	2 778	3 102
Had prior admissions to orders	819	900	1 069	836	725
Total children admitted	2 537	2 977	3 495	3 614	3 827
Children discharged from orders	2 225	2 134	1 967	2 045	2 114

(a) 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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 914	2 114	2 505	2 917	2 555
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	..	..	..	na	814
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	–
Interim and temporary orders	199	295	375	463	582
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	na	28
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	na
Total Indigenous children	2 113	2 409	2 880	3 380	3 979
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)					
Guardianship or custody orders	5 836	5 949	6 614	7 330	6 521
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	..	..	..	na	1 661
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	–
Interim and temporary orders	671	855	1 145	1 376	1 221
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	na	109
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	na
Total non-Indigenous children	6 507	6 804	7 759	8 706	9 512
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	7 750	8 063	9 119	10 247	9 076
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	..	..	..	na	2 475
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	–
Interim and temporary orders	870	1 150	1 520	1 839	1 803
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	na	137
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	na
Total all children	8 620	9 213	10 639	12 086	13 491

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

(b) This category was 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.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	9 310	11 063	13 534	15 756	17 206
Non-Indigenous	67 952	73 293	85 128	86 172	93 133
All children	77 262	84 356	98 662	101 928	110 339
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	153.5	181.2	221.0	256.2	260.9
Non-Indigenous	47.0	50.9	58.4	59.1	63.7
All children	51.3	56.2	64.9	67.0	72.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	3 946	6 326	8 568	11 032	12 227
Non-Indigenous	22 963	30 880	37 659	44 907	49 868
All children	26 909	37 206	46 227	55 939	62 095
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	65.1	103.6	139.9	179.4	185.4
Non-Indigenous	15.9	21.4	25.8	30.8	34.1
All children	17.9	24.8	30.4	36.8	40.6
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 642	2 696	3 276	3 263	3 749
Non-Indigenous	7 556	9 931	10 414	9 856	10 208
All children	9 198	12 627	13 690	13 119	13 957
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	27.1	44.2	53.5	53.0	56.8
Non-Indigenous	5.2	6.9	7.1	6.8	7.0
All children	6.1	8.4	9.0	8.6	9.1
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2 113	2 409	2 880	3 380	3 979
Non-Indigenous	6 507	6 804	7 759	8 706	9 512
All children	8 620	9 213	10 639	12 086	13 491
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	33.0	37.2	44.5	51.9	56.9
Non-Indigenous	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.6	6.1
All children	5.4	5.8	6.6	7.5	8.3

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(c) 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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316	4 991
Non-Indigenous	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250	10 220
All children	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566	15 211
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	39.7	44.7	57.0	66.3	71.3
Non-Indigenous	4.4	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.6
All children	5.8	6.2	7.3	8.4	9.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	3 134	3 496	4 234	4 926	5 798
Non-Indigenous	8 530	8 707	9 832	11 082	12 200
All children	11 664	12 203	14 066	16 008	17 998
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	49.1	54.5	65.6	75.9	83.2
Non-Indigenous	5.6	5.7	6.4	7.1	7.9
All children	7.3	7.7	8.7	9.9	11.1

- (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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (a)	2009
Indigenous					
Residential care	49	52	43	61	76
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	734	886	1 107	1 315	1 584
Relative/kinship care	1 751	1 951	2 526	2 926	3 303
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 485	2 837	3 633	4 241	4 887
Independent living (incl. private board)	9	8	13	13	27
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	1	1
Total Indigenous children	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316	4 991
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Residential care	219	206	220	255	266
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 886	3 173	3 634	4 133	4 577
Relative/kinship care	3 541	3 585	4 254	4 797	5 317
Other home based care	–	–	–	3	–
Total home based	6 427	6 758	7 888	8 933	9 894
Independent living (incl. private board)	41	35	46	57	60
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	5	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250	10 220
All children					
Residential care	268	258	263	316	342
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	3 620	4 059	4 741	5 448	6 161
Relative/kinship care	5 292	5 536	6 780	7 723	8 620
Other home based care	–	–	–	3	–
Total home based	8 912	9 595	11 521	13 174	14 781
Independent living (incl. private board)	50	43	59	70	87
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	6	1
Total all children	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566	15 211

(a) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was 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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 008	2 289	2 719	3 143	3 694
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	..
Not on an order	535	608	970	1 173	1 297
Total Indigenous children	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316	4 991
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	5 929	6 264	7 100	7 909	8 651
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	..
Not on an order	758	735	1 054	1 341	1 569
Total non-Indigenous children	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250	10 220
All children					
Care and protection order	7 937	8 553	9 819	11 052	12 345
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	..
Not on an order	1 293	1 343	2 024	2 514	2 866
Total all children	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566	15 211

(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.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Respite	75	38	44	25	21
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	36	21	81	92	96
1 to less than 6 months	234	848	444	411	471
6 months to less than 1 year	214	168	445	496	610
1 to less than 2 years	345	312	584	787	814
2 to less than 5 years	769	706	921	1 143	1 469
5 years or more	866	804	1 170	1 362	1 510
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 464	2 859	3 645	4 291	4 970
Not stated/unknown	4	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316	4 991
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Respite	105	88	71	52	46
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	118	85	206	217	183
1 to less than 6 months	586	1 793	890	960	938
6 months to less than 1 year	600	435	944	1 003	1 079
1 to less than 2 years	819	668	1 077	1 605	1 733
2 to less than 5 years	2 056	1 810	1 987	2 197	2 838
5 years or more	2 358	2 120	2 979	3 216	3 403
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 537	6 911	8 083	9 198	10 174
Not stated/unknown	45	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 687	6 999	8 154	9 250	10 220
All children					
Respite	180	126	115	77	67
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	154	106	287	309	279
1 to less than 6 months	820	2 641	1 334	1 371	1 409
6 months to less than 1 year	814	603	1 389	1 499	1 689
1 to less than 2 years	1 164	980	1 661	2 392	2 547
2 to less than 5 years	2 825	2 516	2 908	3 340	4 307
5 years or more	3 224	2 924	4 149	4 578	4 913
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	9 001	9 770	11 728	13 489	15 144
Not stated/unknown	49	–	–	–	–
Total all children	9 230	9 896	11 843	13 566	15 211

(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.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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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(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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	141	143	159	136	173
6 months to less than 1 year	64	50	57	112	106
1 to less than 2 years	67	58	38	122	154
2 to less than 5 years	107	69	66	78	143
5 years or more	84	105	69	91	163
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	463	425	389	539	739
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	443	395	424	444	382
6 months to less than 1 year	221	220	187	232	234
1 to less than 2 years	218	176	171	229	303
2 to less than 5 years	257	188	176	159	248
5 years or more	206	224	207	264	341
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 345	1 203	1 165	1 328	1 508
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	584	538	583	580	555
6 months to less than 1 year	285	270	244	344	340
1 to less than 2 years	285	234	209	351	457
2 to less than 5 years	364	257	242	237	391
5 years or more	290	329	276	355	504
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 808	1 628	1 554	1 867	2 247

(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) 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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (c)</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	1 751	1 951	2 526	2 926	3 303
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 541	3 585	4 254	4 797	5 317
All children	no.	5 292	5 536	6 780	7 723	8 620
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	68.9	67.3	68.5	67.8	66.2
Non-Indigenous	%	53.0	51.2	52.2	51.9	52.0
All children	%	57.3	55.9	57.2	56.9	56.7

- (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 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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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**

	Unit	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 485	1 669	2 233	2 517	2 759
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	266	282	293	409	544
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	1 751	1 951	2 526	2 926	3 303
Other Indigenous carer	no.	443	512	637	700	843
Indigenous residential care	no.	7	9	12	8	23
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	450	521	649	708	866
Total children	no.	2 201	2 472	3 175	3 634	4 169
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	291	374	470	615	741
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	42	43	31	53	53
Total children	no.	333	417	501	668	794
Independent living/unknown	no.	9	8	13	14	28
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 543	2 897	3 689	4 316	4 991
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	%	58.6	57.8	60.7	58.5	55.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	10.5	9.8	8.0	9.5	11.0
Total placed with relative/kin	%	69.1	67.5	68.7	68.0	66.6
Other Indigenous carer	%	17.5	17.7	17.3	16.3	17.0
Indigenous residential care	%	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	17.8	18.0	17.7	16.5	17.4
Total children	%	86.9	85.6	86.4	84.5	84.0
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	11.5	12.9	12.8	14.3	14.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.7	1.5	0.8	1.2	1.1
Total children	%	13.1	14.4	13.6	15.5	16.0
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	1 794	2 042	2 563	2 948	3 424
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 515	4 723	5 373	6 058	6 749
All children	no.	6 309	6 765	7 936	9 006	10 173
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.0	99.5	99.9	99.9	99.8
Non-Indigenous	%	99.4	99.6	99.6	99.7	99.7
All children	%	99.2	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.8

(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 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; 2010 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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	816	859	730	706	720
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	396	338	365	335	389
Total finalised	no.	1 212	1 197	1 095	1 041	1 109
Investigations in process (f)	no.	39	20	82	154	150
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	no.	1 251	1 217	1 177	1 195	1 259
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	1 709	1 723	1 861
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 246	1 484	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	2 497	2 701	2 886	2 918	3 120
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	32.7	31.8	25.3	24.2	23.1
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	15.9	12.5	12.6	11.5	12.5
Total finalised	%	48.5	44.3	37.9	35.7	35.5
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.6	0.7	2.8	5.3	4.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	%	50.1	45.0	40.8	41.0	40.4
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	59.2	59.0	59.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	6 582	6 704	6 098	5 659	5 624
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 692	3 429	3 344	3 380	3 567
Total finalised	no.	10 274	10 133	9 442	9 039	9 191
Investigations in process (f)	no.	363	544	684	933	767

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	no.	10 637	10 678	10 126	9 972	9 958
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	25 663	28 717	29 773
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	24 389	24 608	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	35 026	35 286	35 789	38 689	39 731
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.8	19.0	17.0	14.6	14.2
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	10.5	9.7	9.3	8.7	9.0
Total finalised	%	29.3	28.7	26.4	23.4	23.1
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.4	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	%	30.4	30.3	28.3	25.8	25.1
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	71.7	74.2	74.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 398	7 563	6 828	6 365	6 344
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 088	3 767	3 709	3 715	3 956
Total finalised	no.	11 486	11 330	10 537	10 080	10 300
Investigations in process (f)	no.	402	564	763	1 087	917
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	no.	11 888	11 894	11 300	11 167	11 217
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	27 375	30 440	31 634
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	25 635	26 093	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—
Total notifications	no.	37 523	37 987	38 675	41 607	42 851

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

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.7	19.9	17.7	15.3	14.8
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	10.9	9.9	9.6	8.9	9.2
Total finalised	%	30.6	29.8	27.2	24.2	24.0
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.6	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	—	..	—
Total investigations	%	31.7	31.3	29.2	26.8	26.2
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	70.8	73.2	73.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting 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 was progressively rolled out across the State. 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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	213	196	236	227	258
Had prior admissions to orders	197	201	121	163	175
Total children admitted	410	397	357	390	433
Children discharged from orders	226	257	283	285	252
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 516	1 458	1 651	1 718	1 659
Had prior admissions to orders	1 154	1 203	926	1 181	1 149
Total children admitted	2 670	2 661	2 577	2 899	2 808
Children discharged from orders	1 806	1 846	2 227	1 901	1 525
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 729	1 654	1 887	1 945	1 917
Had prior admissions to orders	1 351	1 404	1 047	1 344	1 324
Total children admitted	3 080	3 058	2 934	3 289	3 241
Children discharged from orders	2 032	2 103	2 510	2 186	1 777

(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	452	480	507	571	593
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	–	–	–	–	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	115	117	155	183	208
Interim and temporary orders	20	35	26	21	24
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	–	–	–	–	–
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	587	632	688	775	825
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d)					
Guardianship or custody orders	3 061	3 327	3 521	3 281	3 781
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	–	–	–	–	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	839	976	1 092	1 483	1 341
Interim and temporary orders	181	176	191	160	153
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	–	–	–	–	–
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	4 081	4 379	4 804	5 464	5 275
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	3 513	3 807	4 028	4 932	4 374
Third party parental responsibility orders (c)	–	–	–	–	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	954	993	1 247	1 666	1 549
Interim and temporary orders	201	211	217	181	177
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	–	–	–	–	–
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	4 668	5 011	5 492	6 239	6 100

(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 Families 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 was 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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 855	2 007	2 058	2 180	2 264
Non-Indigenous	26 651	27 623	28 183	30 119	31 299
All children	28 506	29 630	30 241	32 299	33 563
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	151.8	163.0	167.1	176.0	159.7
Non-Indigenous	24.7	25.5	25.5	27.0	27.7
All children	26.1	27.1	27.1	28.7	29.4
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 090	1 107	1 012	964	1 017
Non-Indigenous	9 463	9 447	8 927	8 595	8 767
All children	10 553	10 554	9 939	9 559	9 784
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	89.2	89.9	82.1	77.8	71.8
Non-Indigenous	8.8	8.7	8.1	7.7	7.8
All children	9.7	9.6	8.9	8.5	8.6
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	770	834	697	681	684
Non-Indigenous	6 244	6 453	5 891	5 481	5 445
All children	7 014	7 287	6 588	6 162	6 129
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	63.0	67.7	56.6	55.0	48.3
Non-Indigenous	5.8	6.0	5.3	4.9	4.8
All children	6.4	6.7	5.9	5.5	5.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	587	632	688	775	825
Non-Indigenous	4 081	4 379	4 804	5 464	5 275
All children	4 668	5 011	5 492	6 239	6 100
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	45.4	48.2	52.5	58.8	54.7
Non-Indigenous	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.4
All children	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.0

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).				
(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	526	552	626	660	734
Non-Indigenous	3 882	4 242	4 426	4 396	4 549
All children	4 408	4 794	5 052	5 056	5 283
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	40.7	42.1	47.8	50.1	48.7
Non-Indigenous	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8
All children	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 035	1 103	988	1 021	1 073
Non-Indigenous	6 442	6 692	6 797	6 877	6 753
All children	7 477	7 795	7 785	7 898	7 826
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	80.4	85.2	75.8	77.7	71.5
Non-Indigenous	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.6
All children	6.4	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.4

- (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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (e)	2009
Indigenous					
Residential care	35	48	42	41	73
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	247	252	296	309	278
Relative/kinship care	214	233	260	279	343
Other home based care	29	18	26	30	38
Total home based	490	503	582	618	659
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	2	1	2
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	526	552	626	660	734
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Residential care	330	299	295	385	405
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 201	2 269	2 301	2 163	2 112
Relative/kinship care	1 121	1 383	1 521	1 548	1 620
Other home based care	209	262	270	278	377
Total home based	3 531	3 914	4 092	3 989	4 109
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	29	39	22	35
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 882	4 242	4 426	4 396	4 549
All children					
Residential care	365	347	337	426	478
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 448	2 521	2 597	2 472	2 390
Relative/kinship care	1 335	1 616	1 781	1 827	1 963
Other home based care	238	280	296	308	415
Total home based	4 021	4 417	4 674	4 607	4 768
Independent living (incl. private board)	22	30	41	23	37
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	4 408	4 794	5 052	5 056	5 283

(a) Foster care category for Victoria includes children on permanent care orders where carers are in receipt of foster care payment and children in individually tailored home-based arrangements.

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

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

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (e)	2009
(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.					
(e) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was 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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	422	409	475	492	578
Another type of order	5	6	7	–	–
Not on an order	99	137	144	168	156
Total Indigenous children	526	552	626	660	734
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Care and protection order	3 133	3 389	3 322	3 356	3 610
Another type of order	117	119	219	–	–
Not on an order	618	734	885	1 040	939
Total non-Indigenous children	3 868	4 242	4 426	4 396	4 549
All children					
Care and protection order	3 555	3 798	3 797	3 848	4 188
Another type of order	122	125	226	–	–
Not on an order	717	871	1 029	1 208	1 095
Total all children	4 394	4 794	5 052	5 056	5 283

(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Respite	5	3	15	–	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	10	13	17	14	17
1 to less than 6 months	70	86	65	89	84
6 months to less than 1 year	66	82	112	94	109
1 to less than 2 years	107	94	130	110	133
2 to less than 5 years	125	147	171	198	208
5 years or more	142	126	116	155	183
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	520	548	611	660	734
Not stated/unknown	1	1	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	526	552	626	660	734
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	9	9	68	11	5
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	97	68	92	139	137
1 to less than 6 months	483	499	379	470	459
6 months to less than 1 year	418	535	647	460	521
1 to less than 2 years	637	700	903	627	684
2 to less than 5 years	1 037	1 113	1 141	1 287	1 237
5 years or more	1 174	1 308	1 196	1 402	1 506
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 846	4 223	4 358	4 385	4 544
Not stated/unknown	27	10	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 882	4 242	4 426	4 396	4 549
All children					
Respite	14	12	83	11	5
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	107	81	109	153	154
1 to less than 6 months	553	585	444	559	543
6 months to less than 1 year	484	617	759	554	630
1 to less than 2 years	744	794	1 033	737	817
2 to less than 5 years	1 162	1 260	1 312	1 485	1 445
5 years or more	1 316	1 434	1 312	1 557	1 689
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 366	4 771	4 969	5 045	5 278
Not stated/unknown	28	11	–	–	–
Total all children	4 408	4 794	5 052	5 056	5 283

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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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(a) Indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

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

(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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	157	158	181	72	67
6 months to less than 1 year	56	47	57	29	35
1 to less than 2 years	45	43	53	32	34
2 to less than 5 years	43	40	44	20	39
5 years or more	17	10	18	20	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	318	298	353	173	187
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	891	777	748	505	418
6 months to less than 1 year	351	323	329	193	213
1 to less than 2 years	271	277	296	234	196
2 to less than 5 years	255	213	250	210	228
5 years or more	101	143	116	133	93
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 869	1 733	1 739	1 275	1 148
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	1 048	935	929	577	485
6 months to less than 1 year	407	370	386	222	248
1 to less than 2 years	316	320	349	266	230
2 to less than 5 years	298	253	294	230	267
5 years or more	118	153	134	153	105
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 187	2 031	2 092	1 448	1 335

(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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (d)</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	214	233	260	279	343
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 121	1 383	1 521	1 548	1 620
All children	no.	1 335	1 616	1 781	1 827	1 963
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	40.7	42.2	41.5	42.3	46.7
Non-Indigenous	%	28.9	32.6	34.4	35.2	35.6
All children	%	30.3	33.7	35.3	36.1	37.2

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where 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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	133	152	125	103	181
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	71	80	102	176	162
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	204	232	227	279	343
Other Indigenous carer	no.	77	102	103	144	75
Indigenous residential care	no.	11	21	19	15	13
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	88	123	122	159	88
Total children	no.	292	355	349	438	431
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	181	166	199	182	233
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	24	27	16	25	60
Total children	no.	205	193	215	207	293
Independent living/unknown	no.	29	4	62	15	10
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	526	552	626	660	734
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	%	26.8	27.7	22.2	16.0	25.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.3	14.6	18.1	27.3	22.4
Total placed with relative/kin	%	41.0	42.3	40.2	43.3	47.4
Other Indigenous carer	%	15.5	18.6	18.3	22.3	10.4
Indigenous residential care	%	2.2	3.8	3.4	2.3	1.8
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	17.7	22.4	21.6	24.7	12.2
Total children	%	58.8	64.8	61.9	67.9	59.5
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	36.4	30.3	35.3	28.2	32.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	4.8	4.9	2.8	3.9	8.3
Total children	%	41.2	35.2	38.1	32.1	40.5
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
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Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	343	335	403	416	467
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 196	2 454	2 571	2 479	2 575
All children	no.	2 539	2 789	2 974	2 895	3 042
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	96.9	94.6	97.1	97.4	96.5
Non-Indigenous	%	97.5	98.0	97.7	96.4	97.5
All children	%	97.4	97.6	97.6	96.6	97.4

- (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 was progressively rolled out across the State. 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; 2010 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)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 707	1 839	2 096	1 804	1 979
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	462	810	1 713	1 592	2 203
Total finalised (d)	no.	2 169	2 649	3 809	3 396	4 182
Investigations in process (e)	no.	1 352	1 582	1 196	1 352	1 142
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	124	81	152	148	151
Total investigations	no.	3 645	4 312	5 157	4 896	5 475
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	291	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	291	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	3 936	4 312	5 157	4 896	5 475
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	43.4	42.6	40.6	36.8	36.1
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	11.7	18.8	33.2	32.5	40.2
Total finalised (d)	%	55.1	61.4	73.9	69.4	76.4
Investigations in process (e)	%	34.3	36.7	23.2	27.6	20.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	3.2	1.9	2.9	3.0	2.8
Total investigations	%	92.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	7.4	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	15 600	11 345	8 012	6 224	5 336
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	5 632	7 564	9 021	8 429	8 937
Total finalised (d)	no.	21 232	18 909	17 033	14 653	14 273
Investigations in process (e)	no.	10 005	9 466	5 322	4 797	3 118

Table 15A.40

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 268	925	999	657	542
Total investigations	no.	32 505	29 300	23 354	20 107	17 933
Dealt with by other means (f)		4 388	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 388	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	36 893	29 300	23 354	20 107	17 933
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	42.3	38.7	34.3	31.0	29.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	15.3	25.8	38.6	41.9	49.8
Total finalised (d)	%	57.6	64.5	72.9	72.9	79.6
Investigations in process (e)	%	27.1	32.3	22.8	23.9	17.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	3.4	3.2	4.3	3.3	3.0
Total investigations	%	88.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	11.9	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	11.9	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	17 307	13 184	10 108	8 028	7 315
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	6 094	8 374	10 734	10 021	11 140
Total finalised (d)	no.	23 401	21 558	20 842	18 049	18 455
Investigations in process (e)	no.	11 357	11 048	6 518	6 149	4 260
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 392	1 006	1 151	805	693
Total investigations	no.	36 150	33 612	28 511	25 003	23 408
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	4 679	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 679	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	40 829	33 612	28 511	25 003	23 408

Table 15A.40

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

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	42.4	39.2	35.5	32.1	31.3
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	14.9	24.9	37.6	40.1	47.6
Total finalised (d)	%	57.3	64.1	73.1	72.2	78.8
Investigations in process (e)	%	27.8	32.9	22.9	24.6	18.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	3.4	3.0	4.0	3.2	3.0
Total investigations	%	88.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	11.5	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting 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 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.
- (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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	431	474	na	567	677
Had prior admissions to orders	331	615	na	819	1 040
Total children admitted	762	1 089	na	1 386	1 717
Children discharged from orders	454	640	na	na	682
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 851	1 651	na	1 360	1 291
Had prior admissions to orders	1 092	1 332	na	1 566	1 639
Total children admitted	2 943	2 983	na	2 926	2 930
Children discharged from orders	1 664	1 863	na	na	1 586
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	2 282	2 125	na	1 927	1 968
Had prior admissions to orders	1 423	1 947	na	2 385	2 679
Total children admitted	3 705	4 072	na	4 312	4 647
Children discharged from orders	2 118	2 503	na	na	2 268

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

(b) Data for 2006-07 was not available 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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 188	1 439	1 589	1 619	2 021
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	131	177
Supervisory and other finalised orders	65	85	65	114	114
Interim and temporary orders	89	143	261	352	408
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	na	na
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	1 342	1 667	1 915	2 216	2 720
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)					
Guardianship or custody orders	3 909	4 145	3 706	3 463	3 801
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	432	486
Supervisory and other finalised orders	220	265	288	290	355
Interim and temporary orders	386	369	482	639	580
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	na	na
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	4 515	4 779	4 476	4 824	5 222
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	5 097	5 584	5 295	5 082	5 822
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	563	663
Supervisory and other finalised orders	285	350	353	404	469
Interim and temporary orders	475	512	743	991	988
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	na	na
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	5 857	6 446	6 391	7 040	7 942

(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) Data on Administrative arrangements is not available for 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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2 451	2 936	4 003	4 265	4 650
Non-Indigenous	26 847	22 468	19 817	17 836	16 105
All children	29 298	25 404	23 820	22 101	20 755
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	42.3	50.3	67.7	71.5	71.8
Non-Indigenous	31.4	26.0	22.1	19.5	17.2
All children	32.1	27.5	25.0	22.7	20.8
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations (d)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 499	1 925	2 957	2 991	3 555
Non-Indigenous	16 242	14 867	14 490	13 084	12 922
All children	17 741	16 792	17 447	16 075	16 477
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	25.8	33.0	50.0	50.1	54.9
Non-Indigenous	19.0	17.2	16.2	14.3	13.8
All children	19.5	18.2	18.3	16.5	16.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 186	1 340	1 725	1 617	1 747
Non-Indigenous	11 700	8 737	7 053	5 660	4 849
All children	12 886	10 077	8 778	7 277	6 596
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	20.4	23.0	29.2	27.1	27.0
Non-Indigenous	13.7	10.1	7.9	6.2	5.2
All children	14.1	10.9	9.2	7.5	6.6
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 342	1 667	1 915	2 216	2 720
Non-Indigenous	4 515	4 779	4 476	4 824	5 222
All children	5 857	6 446	6 391	7 040	7 942
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	21.9	26.7	30.6	35.0	39.5
Non-Indigenous	5.0	5.2	4.7	5.0	5.2
All children	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.8	7.4

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (b)	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085	2 481
Non-Indigenous	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585	4 612
All children	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670	7 093
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	20.8	24.0	27.9	33.0	36.0
Non-Indigenous	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.6
All children	5.8	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 484	1 790	2 244	2 730	3 136
Non-Indigenous	5 248	5 417	5 836	6 259	6 391
All children	6 732	7 207	8 080	8 989	9 527
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	24.4	29.2	36.0	43.4	45.9
Non-Indigenous	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.4
All children	7.0	7.4	8.0	8.7	9.0

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (a)	2009
Indigenous					
Residential care	7	37	58	83	135
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	810	938	986	1 235	1 491
Relative/kinship care	458	521	705	767	855
Other home based care	..	..	..	..	..
Total home based	1 268	1 459	1 691	2 002	2 346
Independent living (incl. private board)	..	..	..	..	..
Other (incl. unknown)	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085	2 481
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Residential care	54	188	287	303	309
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	3 275	3 063	2 557	2 803	2 779
Relative/kinship care	1 053	1 129	1 379	1 479	1 524
Other home based care	..	..	..	..	..
Total home based	4 328	4 192	3 936	4 282	4 303
Independent living (incl. private board)	..	..	..	..	..
Other (incl. unknown)	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585	4 612
All children					
Residential care	61	225	345	386	444
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	4 085	4 001	3 543	4 038	4 270
Relative/kinship care	1 511	1 650	2 084	2 246	2 379
Other home based care	..	..	..	..	..
Total home based	5 596	5 651	5 627	6 284	6 649
Independent living (incl. private board)	..	..	..	..	..
Other (incl. unknown)	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670	7 093

(a) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was 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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	1 149	1 414	1 545	1 847	2 330
Another type of order	2	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	124	82	204	238	151
Total Indigenous children	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085	2 481
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	3 869	3 909	3 651	3 970	4 318
Another type of order	–	2	–	–	–
Not on an order	513	469	572	615	294
Total non-Indigenous children	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585	4 612
All children					
Care and protection order	5 018	5 323	5 196	5 817	6 648
Another type of order	2	2	–	–	–
Not on an order	637	551	776	853	445
Total all children	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670	7 093

(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	269	325	na	61	89
1 to less than 6 months	297	317	na	279	292
6 months to less than 1 year	171	213	na	267	306
1 to less than 2 years	197	252	na	324	443
2 to less than 5 years	216	257	na	700	772
5 years or more	125	132	na	454	579
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	1 275	1 496	na	2 085	2 481
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total Indigenous children	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085	2 481
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	929	847	na	176	123
1 to less than 6 months	889	874	na	576	411
6 months to less than 1 year	616	548	na	513	486
1 to less than 2 years	695	773	na	787	830
2 to less than 5 years	791	853	na	1 315	1 369
5 years or more	462	485	na	1 218	1 393
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	4 382	4 380	na	4 585	4 612
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	4 382	4 380	4 223	4 585	4 612
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	1 198	1 172	na	237	212
1 to less than 6 months	1 186	1 191	na	855	703
6 months to less than 1 year	787	761	na	780	792
1 to less than 2 years	892	1 025	na	1 111	1 273
2 to less than 5 years	1 007	1 110	na	2 015	2 141
5 years or more	587	617	na	1 672	1 972
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	5 657	5 876	na	6 670	7 093
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total all children	5 657	5 876	5 972	6 670	7 093

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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	100	126	180	176	173
6 months to less than 1 year	29	45	59	52	81
1 to less than 2 years	31	84	77	61	98
2 to less than 5 years	44	53	92	99	93
5 years or more	30	49	46	46	55
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	234	357	454	434	500
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	399	361	449	440	431
6 months to less than 1 year	168	178	149	173	188
1 to less than 2 years	174	228	170	189	248
2 to less than 5 years	135	210	203	167	252
5 years or more	98	112	106	141	131
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	974	1 089	1 077	1 110	1 250
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	499	487	629	616	604
6 months to less than 1 year	197	223	208	225	269
1 to less than 2 years	205	312	247	250	346
2 to less than 5 years	179	263	295	266	345
5 years or more	128	161	152	187	186
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 208	1 446	1 531	1 544	1 750

(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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (c)</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	458	521	705	767	855
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 053	1 129	1 379	1 479	1 524
All children	no.	1 511	1 650	2 084	2 246	2 379
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	35.9	34.8	40.3	36.8	34.5
Non-Indigenous	%	24.0	25.8	32.7	32.3	33.0
All children	%	26.7	28.1	34.9	33.7	33.5

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

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</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.	343	379	401	399	590
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	115	142	167	164	265
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	458	521	568	563	855
Other Indigenous carer	no.	366	400	449	610	566
Indigenous residential care	no.	2	9	6	9	24
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	368	409	455	619	590
Total children	no.	826	930	1 023	1 182	1 445
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	444	538	674	829	925
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	5	28	52	74	111
Total children	no.	449	566	726	903	1 036
Independent living/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085	2 481
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	%	26.9	25.3	22.9	19.1	23.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.0	9.5	9.5	7.9	10.7
Total placed with relative/kin	%	35.9	34.8	32.5	27.0	34.5
Other Indigenous carer	%	28.7	26.7	25.7	29.3	22.8
Indigenous residential care	%	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.0
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	28.9	27.3	26.0	29.7	23.8
Total children	%	64.8	62.2	58.5	56.7	58.2
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	34.8	36.0	38.5	39.8	37.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	0.4	1.9	3.0	3.5	4.5
Total children	%	35.2	37.8	41.5	43.3	41.8
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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	923	1 105	1 326	1 568	1 862
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 072	2 979	2 768	3 030	3 048
All children	no.	3 995	4 084	4 094	4 598	4 910
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.9	99.5	99.2	98.7	97.9
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	98.6	97.5	98.4	98.5
All children	%	99.7	98.9	98.0	98.5	98.3

(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; 2010 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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	385	332	479	546	574
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	365	396	447	604	719
Total finalised	no.	750	728	926	1 150	1 293
Investigations in process (e)	no.	316	353	379	293	111
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	48	52	55
Total investigations	no.	1 066	1 081	1 353	1 495	1 459
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	1 246	1 591	2 112
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	-	-	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	21	41	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	1 087	1 122	2 599	3 086	3 571
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	35.4	29.6	18.4	17.7	16.1
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	33.6	35.3	17.2	19.6	20.1
Total finalised	%	69.0	64.9	35.6	37.3	36.2
Investigations in process (e)	%	29.1	31.5	14.6	9.5	3.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	1.8	1.7	1.5
Total investigations	%	98.1	96.3	52.1	48.4	40.9
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	47.9	51.6	59.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	-	-	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	1.9	3.7	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (h)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	719	628	754	918	949
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	922	994	1 252	1 424	1 475
Total finalised	no.	1 641	1 622	2 006	2 342	2 424
Investigations in process (e)	no.	455	487	441	415	182

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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	102	131	97
Total investigations	no.	2 096	2 109	2 549	2 888	2 703
Dealt with by other means (g)		..	..	2 552	3 003	3 885
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	23	84	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	2 119	2 193	5 101	5 891	6 588
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	33.9	28.6	14.8	15.6	14.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	43.5	45.3	24.5	24.2	22.4
Total finalised	%	77.4	74.0	39.3	39.8	36.8
Investigations in process (e)	%	21.5	22.2	8.6	7.0	2.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	2.0	2.2	1.5
Total investigations	%	98.9	96.2	50.0	49.0	41.0
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	50.0	51.0	59.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	1.1	3.8	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 104	960	1 233	1 464	1 523
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	—	..
Not substantiated	no.	1 287	1 390	1 699	2 028	2 194
Total finalised	no.	2 391	2 350	2 932	3 492	3 717
Investigations in process (e)	no.	771	840	820	708	293
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	150	183	152
Total investigations	no.	3 162	3 190	3 902	4 383	4 162
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	3 798	4 594	5 997
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	44	125	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	3 206	3 315	7 700	8 977	10 159

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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	34.4	29.0	16.0	16.3	15.0
Carer/family issues	%	–	..
Not substantiated	%	40.1	41.9	22.1	22.6	21.6
Total finalised	%	74.6	70.9	38.1	38.9	36.6
Investigations in process (e)	%	24.0	25.3	10.6	7.9	2.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	1.9	2.0	1.5
Total investigations	%	98.6	96.2	50.7	48.8	41.0
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	49.3	51.2	59.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	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 substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting 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' and from 2008-09 cases where there was no suitable caregiver. Cases where there was no suitable caregiver are not counted as investigations.
- (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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09(b)
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	188	281	502	498	307
Had prior admissions to orders	4	45	80	126	276
Total children admitted	192	326	582	624	583
Children discharged from orders	63	63	157	170	172
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	299	363	661	744	401
Had prior admissions to orders	22	64	119	200	371
Total children admitted	321	427	780	944	772
Children discharged from orders	192	180	265	272	375
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	487	644	1 163	1 242	708
Had prior admissions to orders	26	109	199	326	647
Total children admitted	513	753	1 362	1 568	1 355
Children discharged from orders	255	243	422	442	547

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

(b) In 2008-09, the number of 'children admitted to orders for the first time' might be lower than previous years due to a change in counting processes.

(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	556	659	818	1 012	1 154
Third party parental responsibility orders (e)	..	..	..	24	46
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	1	23	39	52
Interim and temporary orders	104	138	250	204	213
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)	..	..	..	..	–
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total Indigenous children	660	798	1 091	1 279	1 465
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (f)					
Guardianship or custody orders	961	1 032	1 206	1 367	1 461
Third party parental responsibility orders (e)	..	..	..	24	58
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	2	42	81	92
Interim and temporary orders	162	214	290	329	261
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)	..	..	..	..	–
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total non-Indigenous children	1 123	1 248	1 538	1 815	1 872
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 517	1 691	2 024	2 379	2 615
Third party parental responsibility orders (e)	..	..	..	24	104
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	3	65	120	144
Interim and temporary orders	266	352	540	533	474
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)	..	..	..	..	–
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total all children	1 783	2 046	2 629	3 094	3 337

- (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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications (d)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	968	1 017	2 262	2 657	2 999
Non-Indigenous	1 960	2 032	4 654	5 222	5 792
All children	2 928	3 049	6 916	7 879	8 791
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	33.5	35.0	77.3	90.3	102.7
Non-Indigenous	4.6	4.7	10.5	11.6	12.5
All children	6.4	6.6	14.6	16.4	17.8
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	677	676	828	1 047	1 177
Non-Indigenous	1 537	1 516	1 873	2 167	2 239
All children	2 214	2 192	2 701	3 214	3 416
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	23.4	23.3	28.3	35.6	40.3
Non-Indigenous	3.6	3.5	4.2	4.8	4.8
All children	4.8	4.8	5.7	6.7	6.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	353	316	438	520	545
Non-Indigenous	682	603	716	863	909
All children	1 035	919	1 154	1 383	1 454
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	12.2	10.9	15.0	17.7	18.7
Non-Indigenous	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.0
All children	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.9	2.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders (e)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	660	798	1 091	1 279	1 465
Non-Indigenous	1 123	1 248	1 538	1 815	1 872
All children	1 783	2 046	2 629	3 094	3 337
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	21.6	25.8	35.2	41.0	47.4
Non-Indigenous	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.8	3.8
All children	3.7	4.2	5.2	6.0	6.3

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).				
(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (f)	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	692	766	978	1 078	1 197
Non-Indigenous	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468	1 485
All children	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546	2 682
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	22.6	24.8	31.6	34.6	38.8
Non-Indigenous	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.0
All children	3.8	4.0	4.7	5.0	5.1
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	925	988	1 226	1 347	1 491
Non-Indigenous	1 564	1 556	1 765	1 915	1 965
All children	2 489	2 544	2 991	3 262	3 456
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	30.3	32.2	39.7	43.3	48.4
Non-Indigenous	3.4	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.0
All children	5.1	5.2	6.0	6.4	6.6

- (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 for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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 was 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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
Indigenous					
Residential care	39	38	50	41	42
Family group homes	24	25	33	44	57
Home based care					
Foster care	217	238	304	334	400
Relative/kinship care	400	452	573	651	693
Other home based care	–	–	–	..	–
Total home based	617	690	877	985	1 093
Independent living (incl. private board)	5	4	5	7	2
Other (incl. unknown)	7	9	13	1	3
Total indigenous children	692	766	978	1 078	1 197
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Residential care	85	74	89	104	56
Family group homes	19	17	14	7	34
Home based care					
Foster care	665	728	822	847	885
Relative/kinship care	337	356	444	485	494
Other home based care	–	–	–	..	–
Total home based	1 002	1 084	1 266	1 332	1 379
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	17	12	16	15
Other (incl. unknown)	10	10	12	9	1
Total non-indigenous children	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468	1 485
All children					
Residential care	124	112	139	145	98
Family group homes	43	42	47	51	91
Home based care					
Foster care	882	966	1 126	1 181	1 285
Relative/kinship care	737	808	1 017	1 136	1 187
Other home based care	–	–	–	..	–
Total home based	1 619	1 774	2 143	2 317	2 472
Independent living (incl. private board)	26	21	17	23	17
Other (incl. unknown)	17	19	25	10	4
Total children	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546	2 682

- (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 was 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
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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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	601	713	935	1 049	1 184
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	–
Not on an order	91	53	43	29	13
Total Indigenous children	692	766	978	1 078	1 197
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	975	1 105	1 327	1 421	1 460
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	–
Not on an order	162	97	66	47	25
Total non-Indigenous children	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468	1 485
All children					
Care and protection order	1 576	1 818	2 262	2 470	2 644
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	–
Not on an order	253	150	109	76	38
Total all children	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546	2 682

(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	16	9	23	14	21
1 to less than 6 months	82	108	136	81	101
6 months to less than 1 year	77	65	125	146	118
1 to less than 2 years	90	124	154	249	210
2 to less than 5 years	203	220	256	306	424
5 years or more	224	240	284	282	323
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	692	766	978	1 078	1 197
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	692	766	978	1 078	1 197
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	24	37	33	20	38
1 to less than 6 months	93	100	174	151	138
6 months to less than 1 year	134	112	146	176	113
1 to less than 2 years	142	166	197	243	234
2 to less than 5 years	332	344	374	392	448
5 years or more	412	437	469	486	514
Not stated/unknown	–	6	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468	1 485
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 137	1 202	1 393	1 468	1 485
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	40	46	56	34	59
1 to less than 6 months	175	208	310	232	239
6 months to less than 1 year	211	177	271	322	231
1 to less than 2 years	232	291	351	492	444
2 to less than 5 years	535	572	630	698	872
5 years or more	636	674	753	768	837
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546	2 682
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 829	1 968	2 371	2 546	2 682

(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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	27	32	20	27	20
6 months to less than 1 year	16	12	23	16	10
1 to less than 2 years	5	17	9	11	30
2 to less than 5 years	29	20	20	45	46
5 years or more	32	24	35	47	37
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	109	105	107	146	143
Non-Indigenous (c)					
1 to less than 6 months	70	52	39	47	57
6 months to less than 1 year	27	40	31	36	46
1 to less than 2 years	40	37	23	17	47
2 to less than 5 years	71	50	50	61	94
5 years or more	61	67	68	83	57
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	269	246	211	244	301
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	97	84	59	74	77
6 months to less than 1 year	43	52	54	52	56
1 to less than 2 years	45	54	32	28	77
2 to less than 5 years	100	70	70	106	140
5 years or more	93	91	103	130	94
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	378	351	318	390	444

(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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (d)</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	400	452	573	651	693
Non-Indigenous	no.	337	356	444	485	494
All children	no.	737	808	1 017	1 136	1 187
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	57.8	59.0	58.6	60.4	57.9
Non-Indigenous	%	29.6	29.6	31.9	33.0	33.3
All children	%	40.3	41.1	42.9	44.6	44.3

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (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 was 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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</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.	345	394	512	566	607
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	55	64	82	94	96
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	400	458	594	660	703
Other Indigenous carer	no.	143	143	156	155	169
Indigenous residential care	no.	25	18	21	25	26
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	168	161	177	180	195
Total children	no.	568	619	771	840	898
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	77	92	133	170	221
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	38	45	62	60	73
Total children	no.	115	137	195	230	294
Independent living/unknown	no.	9	10	12	8	5
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	692	766	978	1 078	1 197
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	50.5	52.1	53.0	52.9	50.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.8	8.1
Total placed with relative/kin	%	58.6	60.6	61.5	61.7	59.0
Other Indigenous carer	%	20.9	18.9	16.1	14.5	14.2
Indigenous residential care	%	3.7	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	24.6	21.3	18.3	16.8	16.4
Total children	%	83.2	81.9	79.8	78.5	75.3
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	11.3	12.2	13.8	15.9	18.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.6	6.0	6.4	5.6	6.1
Total children	%	16.8	18.1	20.2	21.5	24.7
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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	480	541	709	805	907
Non-Indigenous	no.	700	773	900	973	994
All children	no.	1 180	1 314	1 609	1 778	1 901
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	91.8	92.8	92.4	92.5	91.4
Non-Indigenous	%	93.0	94.8	94.9	94.9	97.0
All children	%	92.5	94.0	93.8	93.8	94.2

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

(b) 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; 2010 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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	736	464	625	737	816
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	977	675	965	807	956
Total finalised	no.	1 713	1 139	1 590	1 544	1 772
Investigations in process (d)	no.	3	19	13	2	11
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	1 716	1 158	1 603	1 546	1 783
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	2 457	2 631	3 212
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 864	1 838	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	3 580	2 996	4 060	4 177	4 995
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	20.6	15.5	15.4	17.6	16.3
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	27.3	22.5	23.8	19.3	19.1
Total finalised	%	47.8	38.0	39.2	37.0	35.5
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	47.9	38.7	39.5	37.0	35.7
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	60.5	63.0	64.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 648	1 391	1 617	1 594	1 603
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	2 889	2 249	2 524	2 299	2 511
Total finalised	no.	4 537	3 640	4 141	3 893	4 114
Investigations in process (d)	no.	26	44	62	14	23

Table 15A.64

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	4 563	3 684	4 203	3 907	4 137
Dealt with by other means (f)		..	..	10 171	12 763	14 089
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	9 330	8 389	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	13 893	12 073	14 374	16 670	18 226
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	11.9	11.5	11.2	9.6	8.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	20.8	18.6	17.6	13.8	13.8
Total finalised	%	32.7	30.1	28.8	23.4	22.6
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	32.8	30.5	29.2	23.4	22.7
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	70.8	76.6	77.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	2 384	1 855	2 242	2 331	2 419
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	—	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 866	2 924	3 489	3 106	3 467
Total finalised	no.	6 250	4 779	5 731	5 437	5 886
Investigations in process (d)	no.	29	63	75	16	34
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	6 279	4 842	5 806	5 453	5 920
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	12 628	15 394	17 301
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	11 194	10 227	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—
Total notifications	no.	17 473	15 069	18 434	20 847	23 221

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

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	13.6	12.3	12.2	11.2	10.4
Carer/family issues	%	–	..
Not substantiated	%	22.1	19.4	18.9	14.9	14.9
Total finalised	%	35.8	31.7	31.1	26.1	25.3
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	–
Total investigations	%	35.9	32.1	31.5	26.2	25.5
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	68.5	73.8	74.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	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 substantiation, 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 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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	87	88	125	164	166
Had prior admissions to orders	77	111	100	151	136
Total children admitted	164	199	225	315	302
Children discharged from orders	186	58	72	93	155
Non-Indigenous (a)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	292	244	307	475	454
Had prior admissions to orders	290	347	356	372	331
Total children admitted	582	591	663	847	785
Children discharged from orders	698	251	214	401	384
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	379	332	432	639	620
Had prior admissions to orders	367	458	456	523	467
Total children admitted	746	790	888	1 162	1 087
Children discharged from orders	884	309	286	494	539

(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	296	354	416	475	512
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	na	na	na	9	9
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	..	–	–
Interim and temporary orders	26	24	24	26	29
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	na	na	na	30	23
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total Indigenous children	322	378	440	540	573
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 150	1 202	1 379	1 472	1 602
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	na	na	na	9	29
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	..	4	7
Interim and temporary orders	81	91	62	98	90
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	na	na	na	53	60
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total non-Indigenous children	1 231	1 293	1 441	1 657	1 788
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	1 446	1 556	1 795	1 947	2 114
Third party parental responsibility orders (b)	na	na	na	9	38
Supervisory and other finalised orders	..	..	..	4	7
Interim and temporary orders	107	115	86	124	119
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	na	na	na	83	83
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total all children	1 553	1 671	1 881	2 197	2 361

(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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 904	1 814	2 222	2 397	2 767
Non-Indigenous	9 151	8 337	9 773	11 200	11 923
All children	11 055	10 151	11 995	13 597	14 690
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	170.9	162.6	197.6	212.3	235.5
Non-Indigenous	29.1	26.7	30.7	35.1	37.1
All children	34.0	31.3	36.4	41.2	44.1
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	980	793	1 036	1 024	1 154
Non-Indigenous	3 300	2 752	3 201	2 938	3 118
All children	4 280	3 545	4 237	3 962	4 272
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	87.9	71.1	92.1	90.7	98.2
Non-Indigenous	10.5	8.8	10.1	9.2	9.7
All children	13.2	10.9	12.9	12.0	12.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	481	360	439	547	598
Non-Indigenous	1 317	1 101	1 314	1 272	1 303
All children	1 798	1 461	1 753	1 819	1 901
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	43.2	32.3	39.0	48.4	50.9
Non-Indigenous	4.2	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.1
All children	5.5	4.5	5.3	5.5	5.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	322	378	440	540	573
Non-Indigenous	1 231	1 293	1 441	1 657	1 788
All children	1 553	1 671	1 881	2 197	2 361
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	27.3	31.8	36.9	45.2	45.8
Non-Indigenous	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.9	5.2
All children	4.5	4.8	5.4	6.2	6.7

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (b)	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	286	359	405	467	521
Non-Indigenous	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374	1 495
All children	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841	2 016
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	24.3	30.2	34.0	39.1	41.7
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.0	4.4
All children	3.9	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	457	497	600	603	656
Non-Indigenous	1 486	1 517	1 669	1 776	1 863
All children	1 943	2 014	2 269	2 379	2 519
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	38.9	42.2	50.5	50.3	52.8
Non-Indigenous	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.5
All children	5.6	5.8	6.5	6.7	7.1

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007 (a)	2008 (b)	2009
Indigenous					
Residential care	4	4	18	25	33
Family group homes	9	18	–	–	–
Home based care					
Foster care	191	200	199	201	199
Relative/kinship care	82	137	180	229	265
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	273	337	379	430	464
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	4	5	4
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	4	7	20
Total Indigenous children	286	359	405	467	521
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Residential care	36	46	123	141	140
Family group homes	45	57	–	–	–
Home based care					
Foster care	776	810	711	710	778
Relative/kinship care	182	222	373	434	502
Other home based care	4	3	3	4	3
Total home based	962	1 035	1 087	1 148	1 283
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	5	20	16
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	58	65	56
Total non-Indigenous children	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374	1 495
All children					
Residential care	40	50	141	166	173
Family group homes	54	75	–	–	–
Home based care					
Foster care	967	1 010	910	911	977
Relative/kinship care	264	359	553	663	767
Other home based care	4	3	3	4	3
Total home based	1 235	1 372	1 466	1 578	1 747
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	9	25	20
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	62	72	76
Total all children	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841	2 016

(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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was 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)

	2005	2006	2007 (a)	2008 (b)	2009
Source:	AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	230	292	354	416	462
Another type of order	14	14	15	17	13
Not on an order	42	53	36	34	46
Total Indigenous children	286	359	405	467	521
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	941	994	1 109	1 341	1 441
Another type of order	46	66	83	17	32
Not on an order	56	78	81	16	22
Total non-Indigenous children	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374	1 495
All children					
Care and protection order	1 171	1 286	1 463	1 757	1 903
Another type of order	60	80	98	34	45
Not on an order	98	131	117	50	68
Total all children	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841	2 016

(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Respite	–	3	1	–	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	10	13	24	–	2
1 to less than 6 months	60	72	63	24	45
6 months to less than 1 year	33	40	60	33	52
1 to less than 2 years	45	68	71	67	60
2 to less than 5 years	70	86	103	50	46
5 years or more	68	77	83	293	313
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	286	356	404	467	518
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	286	359	405	467	521
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Respite	1	4	7	–	2
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	44	62	73	1	3
1 to less than 6 months	160	208	224	95	111
6 months to less than 1 year	160	147	192	68	114
1 to less than 2 years	201	208	214	188	181
2 to less than 5 years	248	283	313	144	167
5 years or more	229	226	250	878	917
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 042	1 134	1 266	1 374	1 493
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 043	1 138	1 273	1 374	1 495
All children					
Respite	1	7	8	–	5
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	54	75	97	1	5
1 to less than 6 months	220	280	287	119	156
6 months to less than 1 year	193	187	252	101	166
1 to less than 2 years	246	276	285	255	241
2 to less than 5 years	318	369	416	194	213
5 years or more	297	303	333	1 171	1 230
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 328	1 490	1 670	1 841	2 011
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 329	1 497	1 678	1 841	2 016

(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.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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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(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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	35	23	56	24	36
6 months to less than 1 year	8	5	21	13	11
1 to less than 2 years	11	7	10	12	35
2 to less than 5 years	5	8	16	11	14
5 years or more	9	9	12	15	11
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	68	52	115	75	107
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	56	54	101	80	77
6 months to less than 1 year	29	28	39	50	34
1 to less than 2 years	38	49	36	42	41
2 to less than 5 years	35	41	37	29	65
5 years or more	35	47	37	43	50
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	193	219	250	244	267
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	91	77	157	104	113
6 months to less than 1 year	37	33	60	63	45
1 to less than 2 years	49	56	46	54	76
2 to less than 5 years	40	49	53	40	79
5 years or more	44	56	49	58	61
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	261	271	365	319	374

(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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	82	137	180	229	265
Non-Indigenous	no.	182	222	373	434	502
All children	no.	264	359	553	663	767
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	28.7	38.2	44.4	49.0	50.9
Non-Indigenous	%	17.4	19.5	29.3	31.6	33.6
All children	%	19.9	24.0	33.0	36.0	38.0

- (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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</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.	70	109	140	182	204
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	12	28	40	47	61
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	82	137	180	229	265
Other Indigenous carer	no.	136	138	136	124	112
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	136	138	136	124	112
Total children	no.	218	275	316	353	377
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	64	62	63	77	87
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	4	22	18	25	33
Total children	no.	68	84	81	102	120
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	8	12	24
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	286	359	405	467	521
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	24.5	30.4	35.3	40.0	41.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	4.2	7.8	10.1	10.3	12.3
Total placed with relative/kin	%	28.7	38.2	45.3	50.3	53.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	47.6	38.4	34.3	27.3	22.5
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	47.6	38.4	34.3	27.3	22.5
Total children	%	76.2	76.6	79.6	77.6	75.9
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	22.4	17.3	15.9	16.9	17.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	6.1	4.5	5.5	6.6
Total children	%	23.8	23.4	20.4	22.4	24.1
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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	189	242	271	320	343
Non-Indigenous	no.	629	708	749	818	892
All children	no.	818	950	1 020	1 138	1 235
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	98.4	96.8	96.4	94.7	91.7
Non-Indigenous	%	97.8	96.2	89.8	91.7	91.5
All children	%	98.0	96.3	91.5	92.5	91.5

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

(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; 2010 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)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous children (e)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	43	45	47	47	108
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	19	35	19	19	60
Total finalised	no.	62	80	66	66	168
Investigations in process (f)	no.	12	46	61	28	27
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	26	30	4
Total investigations (h)	no.	74	126	153	124	199
Dealt with by other means (i)	no.	..	..	292	251	497
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	131	271	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	25	7	..	..	..
Total notifications (j)	no.	230	404	445	375	696
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.7	11.1	10.6	12.5	15.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	8.3	8.7	4.3	5.1	8.6
Total finalised	%	27.0	19.8	14.8	17.6	24.1
Investigations in process (f)	%	5.2	11.4	13.7	7.5	3.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	5.8	8.0	0.6
Total investigations (h)	%	32.2	31.2	34.4	33.1	28.6
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	..	..	65.6	66.9	71.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	57.0	67.1	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	10.9	1.7	..	..	..
Total notifications (j)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (k)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	739	748	1 205	1 167	1 080
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	532	590	566	853	807
Total finalised	no.	1 271	1 338	1 771	2 020	1 887
Investigations in process (f)	no.	488	2 360	1 742	210	201

Table 15A.76

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	911	903	168
Total investigations (h)	no.	1 759	3 698	4 424	3 133	2 256
Dealt with by other means (i)		..	..	9 629	9 355	7 393
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	6 661	7 863	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	2 138	1 064	..	..	..
Total notifications (j)	no.	10 558	12 625	14 053	12 488	9 649
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	7.0	5.9	8.6	9.3	11.2
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	5.0	4.7	4.0	6.8	8.4
Total finalised	%	12.0	10.6	12.6	16.2	19.6
Investigations in process (f)	%	4.6	18.7	12.4	1.7	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	6.5	7.2	1.7
Total investigations (h)	%	16.7	29.3	31.5	25.1	23.4
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	..	..	68.5	74.9	76.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	63.1	62.3	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	20.3	8.4	..	..	..
Total notifications (j)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	782	793	1 252	1 214	1 188
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	-	..
Not substantiated	no.	551	625	585	872	867
Total finalised	no.	1 333	1 418	1 837	2 086	2 055
Investigations in process (f)	no.	500	2 406	1 803	238	228
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	937	933	172
Total investigations (h)	no.	1 833	3 824	4 577	3 257	2 455
Dealt with by other means (i)	no.	..	..	9 921	9 606	7 890
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	6 792	8 134	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	2 163	1 071	..	..	..
Total notifications (j)	no.	10 788	13 029	14 498	12 863	10 345

Table 15A.76

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

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	7.2	6.1	8.6	9.4	11.5
Carer/family issues	%	—	..
Not substantiated	%	5.1	4.8	4.0	6.8	8.4
Total finalised	%	12.4	10.9	12.7	16.2	19.9
Investigations in process (f)	%	4.6	18.5	12.4	1.9	2.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	6.5	7.3	1.7
Total investigations (h)	%	17.0	29.3	31.6	25.3	23.7
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	68.4	74.7	76.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	63.0	62.4	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	20.1	8.2	..	..	..
Total notifications (j)	%	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) The high proportion of children with an unknown Indigenous status significantly impacts the reliability of this 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 high proportion of children with an unknown Indigenous status at notification and investigation, and the inclusion of these cases in the non-Indigenous category, significantly impacts the reliability of these data.
- (i) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (j) In Tasmania, a change was made to the business processes for recording notifications in February 2008. New contacts made about similar concerns during an open notification/investigation period, within 6 weeks of the first contact, were added to the notification as a 'case note'. Case notes are not included in the count of notifications and hence comparison between values from 2007-08 to 2008-09 should be made with caution.

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
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(k) 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; 2010 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)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	5	48	33	29	23
Had prior admissions to orders	27	46	75	71	64
Total children admitted	32	94	108	100	87
Children discharged from orders	19	27	28	57	29
Non-Indigenous (a)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	214	295	266	231	266
Had prior admissions to orders	115	184	208	242	274
Total children admitted	329	479	474	473	540
Children discharged from orders	137	206	268	224	245
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	219	343	299	260	289
Had prior admissions to orders	142	230	283	313	338
Total children admitted	361	573	582	573	627
Children discharged from orders	156	233	296	281	274

(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; 2010 Report, table 15A.119.

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.79 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	82	107	134	122	125
Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	6	6	5	1
Interim and temporary orders	12	12	24	12	25
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	–	–
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	94	125	164	139	151
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)					
Guardianship or custody orders	509	586	620	657	659
Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	30	26	26	19	25
Interim and temporary orders	83	96	87	84	150
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	15	6
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	622	708	733	775	840
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	591	693	754	779	784
Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b)	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	30	32	32	24	26
Interim and temporary orders	95	108	111	96	175
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)	..	..	..	15	6
Other/not stated	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	716	833	897	914	991

(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 was 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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	87	119	146	196	445
Non-Indigenous	5 678	6 466	7 180	7 314	6 682
All children	5 765	6 585	7 326	7 510	7 127
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	11.3	15.4	18.8	25.2	57.6
Non-Indigenous	55.3	63.1	70.0	71.2	64.5
All children	52.2	59.7	66.4	67.9	64.1
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	50	52	42	55	152
Non-Indigenous	1 004	1 086	1 123	1 517	1 635
All children	1 054	1 138	1 165	1 572	1 787
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	6.5	6.7	5.4	7.1	19.7
Non-Indigenous	9.8	10.6	11.0	14.8	15.8
All children	9.5	10.3	10.6	14.2	16.1
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	37	34	31	39	98
Non-Indigenous	599	616	768	881	976
All children	636	650	799	920	1 074
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	4.8	4.4	4.0	5.0	12.7
Non-Indigenous	5.8	6.0	7.5	8.6	9.4
All children	5.8	5.9	7.2	8.3	9.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	94	125	164	139	151
Non-Indigenous	622	708	733	775	840
All children	716	833	897	914	991
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	11.5	15.2	19.9	16.9	18.4
Non-Indigenous	5.7	6.5	6.7	7.1	7.6
All children	6.1	7.1	7.6	7.8	8.4

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	78	98	113	102	130
Non-Indigenous	498	585	554	562	678
All children	576	683	667	664	808
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	9.5	11.9	13.7	12.4	15.8
Non-Indigenous	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.1	6.2
All children	4.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	6.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	74	134	158	150	152
Non-Indigenous	587	846	806	818	859
All children	661	980	964	968	1 011
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)					
Indigenous	9.1	16.3	19.2	18.2	18.5
Non-Indigenous	5.4	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.8
All children	5.6	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.5

- (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 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.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was 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 for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
Indigenous					
Residential care	–	7	10	4	5
Family group homes	10	11	4	6	8
Home based care					
Foster care	29	54	69	55	75
Relative/kinship care	19	20	27	30	33
Other home based care	14	1	2	7	9
Total home based	62	75	98	92	117
Independent living (incl. private board)	4	3	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	2	2	1	–	–
Total Indigenous children	78	98	113	102	130
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Residential care	–	23	25	16	26
Family group homes	48	30	26	30	21
Home based care					
Foster care	249	305	328	322	363
Relative/kinship care	107	128	128	150	196
Other home based care	56	48	43	34	62
Total home based	412	481	499	506	621
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	35	–	2	1
Other (incl. unknown)	17	16	4	8	9
Total non-Indigenous children	498	585	554	562	678
All children					
Residential care	–	30	35	20	31
Family group homes	58	41	30	36	29
Home based care					
Foster care	278	359	397	377	438
Relative/kinship care	126	148	155	180	229
Other home based care	70	49	45	41	71
Total home based	474	556	597	598	738
Independent living (incl. private board)	25	38	–	2	1
Other (incl. unknown)	19	18	5	8	9
Total all children	576	683	667	664	808

(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 definition of OOHC introduced in 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 very low.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care was 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
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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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	76	97	111	102	130
Another type of order	1	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	1	1	2	–	–
Total Indigenous children	78	98	113	102	130
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Care and protection order	490	549	547	562	675
Another type of order	–	1	2	–	1
Not on an order	8	35	5	–	2
Total non-Indigenous children	498	585	554	562	678
All children					
Care and protection order	566	646	658	664	805
Another type of order	1	1	2	–	1
Not on an order	9	36	7	–	2
Total all children	576	683	667	664	808

- (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 definition of OOHC introduced in 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 very low.
- (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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	13	–	6	1	4
1 to less than 6 months	29	22	13	11	15
6 months to less than 1 year	11	18	14	10	22
1 to less than 2 years	16	16	32	17	16
2 to less than 5 years	6	29	30	43	50
5 years or more	3	13	18	20	23
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	78	98	113	102	130
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	78	98	113	102	130
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	54	30	21	13	11
1 to less than 6 months	183	84	50	46	89
6 months to less than 1 year	101	88	83	77	92
1 to less than 2 years	78	101	104	101	99
2 to less than 5 years	43	158	183	175	216
5 years or more	36	124	113	150	171
Not stated/unknown	3	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	498	585	554	562	678
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	498	585	554	562	678
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	67	30	27	14	15
1 to less than 6 months	212	106	63	57	104
6 months to less than 1 year	112	106	97	87	114
1 to less than 2 years	94	117	136	118	115
2 to less than 5 years	49	187	213	218	266
5 years or more	39	137	131	170	194
Not stated/unknown	3	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	576	683	667	664	808
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	576	683	667	664	808

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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	15	12	20	4
6 months to less than 1 year	na	6	10	1	2
1 to less than 2 years	na	1	5	7	6
2 to less than 5 years	na	4	4	5	6
5 years or more	na	2	1	6	2
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total children	na	28	32	39	20
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	na	88	79	55	58
6 months to less than 1 year	na	15	25	39	16
1 to less than 2 years	na	34	24	33	19
2 to less than 5 years	na	19	17	42	21
5 years or more	na	14	12	16	16
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total children	na	170	157	185	130
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	103	91	75	62
6 months to less than 1 year	na	21	35	40	18
1 to less than 2 years	na	35	29	40	25
2 to less than 5 years	na	23	21	47	27
5 years or more	na	16	13	22	18
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total children	na	198	189	224	150

(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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	19	20	27	30	33
Non-Indigenous	no.	107	128	128	150	196
All children	no.	126	148	155	180	229
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	24.4	20.4	23.9	29.4	25.4
Non-Indigenous	%	21.5	21.9	23.1	26.7	28.9
All children	%	21.9	21.7	23.2	27.1	28.3

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (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 definition of OOHC introduced in 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 very low.
- (e) The scope for out-of-home care was 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; 2010 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)**

	Unit	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	8	10	9	14	13
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	11	8	15	16	20
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	19	18	24	30	33
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	1	13	16	6	3
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	1	13	16	6	3
Total children	no.	20	31	40	36	36
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	54	55	58	62	89
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	7	10	4	5
Total children	no.	54	62	68	66	94
Independent living/unknown	no.	4	5	5	–	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	78	98	113	102	130
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	%	10.8	10.8	8.3	13.7	10.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.9	8.6	13.9	15.7	15.4
Total placed with relative/kin	%	25.7	19.4	22.2	29.4	25.4
Other Indigenous carer	%	1.4	14.0	14.8	5.9	2.3
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	14.0	14.8	5.9	2.3
Total children	%	27.0	33.3	37.0	35.3	27.7
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	73.0	59.1	53.7	60.8	68.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	7.5	9.3	3.9	3.8
Total children	%	73.0	66.7	63.0	64.7	72.3
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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	43	59	79	73	97
Non-Indigenous	no.	296	370	376	384	463
All children	no.	339	429	455	457	560
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	87.8	85.5	97.5	96.1	95.1
Non-Indigenous	%	90.8	94.1	94.7	96.7	96.3
All children	%	90.4	92.9	95.2	96.6	96.1

- (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) 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; 2010 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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (d)	no.	136	163	151	136	146
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	152	136	164	79	134
Total finalised	no.	288	299	315	215	280
Investigations in process (e)	no.	49	103	28	–	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	26	18	38
Total investigations (g)	no.	337	402	369	233	318
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	566	771	721
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	no.	33	304	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	no.	428	129	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	798	835	935	1 004	1 039
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	17.0	19.5	16.1	13.5	14.1
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.0	16.3	17.5	7.9	12.9
Total finalised	%	36.1	35.8	33.7	21.4	26.9
Investigations in process (e)	%	6.1	12.3	3.0	–	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	2.8	1.8	3.7
Total investigations	%	42.2	48.1	39.5	23.2	30.6
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	60.5	76.8	69.4
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	%	4.1	36.4	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	%	53.6	15.4	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (j)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (d)	no.	1 077	1 114	701	691	750
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	1 164	1 084	1 400	556	747
Total finalised	no.	2 241	2 198	2 101	1 247	1 497
Investigations in process (e)	no.	439	692	240	–	–

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	50	86	170
Total investigations (g)	no.	2 680	2 890	2 391	1 333	1 667
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	5 384	6 633	6 889
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	no.	170	2 681	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	no.	3 627	1 658	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	6 477	7 229	7 775	7 966	8 556
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	16.6	15.4	9.0	8.7	8.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	18.0	15.0	18.0	7.0	8.7
Total finalised	%	34.6	30.4	27.0	15.7	17.5
Investigations in process (e)	%	6.8	9.6	3.1	—	—
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	0.6	1.1	2.0
Total investigations	%	41.4	40.0	30.8	16.7	19.5
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	69.2	83.3	80.5
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	%	2.6	37.1	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	%	56.0	22.9	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (d)	no.	1 213	1 277	852	827	896
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	—	..
Not substantiated	no.	1 316	1 220	1 564	635	881
Total finalised	no.	2 529	2 497	2 416	1 462	1 777
Investigations in process (e)	no.	488	795	268	—	—
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	76	104	208
Total investigations (g)	no.	3 017	3 292	2 760	1 566	1 985
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	5 950	7 404	7 610
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	no.	203	2 985	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	no.	4 055	1 787	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	7 275	8 064	8 710	8 970	9 595

Table 15A.88

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

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	16.7	15.8	9.8	9.2	9.3
Carer/family issues	%	–	..
Not substantiated	%	18.1	15.1	18.0	7.1	9.2
Total finalised	%	34.8	31.0	27.7	16.3	18.5
Investigations in process (e)	%	6.7	9.9	3.1	–	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	0.9	1.2	2.2
Total investigations	%	41.5	40.8	31.7	17.5	20.7
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	68.3	82.5	79.3
Notifications dealt with by other means (i)	%	2.8	37.0	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action (i)	%	55.7	22.2	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice and/or referrals were followed up.
- (c) '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 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.

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
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(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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	15	20	23	24	41
Had prior admissions to orders	12	17	30	18	40
Total children admitted	27	37	53	42	81
Children discharged from orders	17	15	24	16	39
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	122	146	98	103	147
Had prior admissions to orders	45	73	110	96	153
Total children admitted	167	219	208	199	300
Children discharged from orders	105	139	129	144	136
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	137	166	121	127	188
Had prior admissions to orders	57	90	140	114	193
Total children admitted	194	256	261	241	381
Children discharged from orders	122	154	153	160	175

(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	49	79	98	90	85
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	–	4
Supervisory and other finalised orders	2	7	6	7	6
Interim and temporary orders	19	14	9	13	30
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)	..	..	..	7	5
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total Indigenous children	70	100	113	117	130
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (b)					
Guardianship or custody orders	284	330	337	334	350
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	–	13
Supervisory and other finalised orders	49	60	53	26	36
Interim and temporary orders	61	68	71	52	63
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)	..	..	..	14	18
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total non-Indigenous children	394	458	461	435	480
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	333	409	435	424	435
Third party parental responsibility orders (a)	..	..	..	–	17
Supervisory and other finalised orders	51	67	59	33	42
Interim and temporary orders	80	82	80	65	93
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)	..	..	..	21	23
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total all children	464	558	574	552	610

(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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	273	319	382	394	407
Non-Indigenous	3 157	3 780	4 185	4 135	4 546
All children	3 430	4 099	4 567	4 529	4 953
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	154.6	183.0	210.4	214.4	227.2
Non-Indigenous	45.2	54.4	59.9	58.7	63.5
All children	47.9	57.6	63.7	62.6	67.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	166	171	159	137	181
Non-Indigenous	1 486	1 407	1 296	769	1 071
All children	1 652	1 578	1 455	906	1 252
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	94.0	98.1	87.6	74.5	101.1
Non-Indigenous	21.3	20.3	18.5	10.9	15.0
All children	23.1	22.2	20.3	12.5	17.1
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	99	99	75	88	97
Non-Indigenous	758	754	483	447	508
All children	857	853	558	535	605
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	56.1	56.8	41.3	47.9	54.2
Non-Indigenous	10.9	10.9	6.9	6.3	7.1
All children	12.0	12.0	7.8	7.4	8.2
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	70	100	113	117	130
Non-Indigenous	394	458	461	435	480
All children	464	558	574	552	610
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	37.4	53.3	58.9	60.2	68.2
Non-Indigenous	5.3	6.2	6.2	5.8	6.3
All children	6.1	7.4	7.5	7.1	7.8

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	60	82	89	81	100
Non-Indigenous	282	306	310	344	394
All children	342	388	399	425	494
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	32.0	43.7	46.4	41.6	52.4
Non-Indigenous	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.6	5.1
All children	4.5	5.1	5.2	5.5	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	101	115	121	126	175
Non-Indigenous	534	528	551	550	717
All children	635	643	672	676	892
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)					
Indigenous	54.3	62.6	63.4	65.2	92.5
Non-Indigenous	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.3	9.4
All children	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	11.4

- (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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
Indigenous					
Residential care	10	7	10	14	16
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	–
Home based care					
Foster care	29	35	36	31	38
Relative/kinship care	21	39	43	35	46
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	50	74	79	66	84
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	–	1	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	60	82	89	81	100
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Residential care	46	36	34	33	37
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	–
Home based care					
Foster care	141	162	164	173	175
Relative/kinship care	92	103	107	133	181
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	233	265	271	306	356
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	4	4	–
Other (incl. unknown)	2	5	1	1	1
Total non-Indigenous children	282	306	310	344	394
All children					
Residential care	56	43	44	47	53
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	–
Home based care					
Foster care	170	197	200	204	213
Relative/kinship care	113	142	150	168	227
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	283	339	350	372	440
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	4	5	–
Other (incl. unknown)	2	5	1	1	1
Total all children	342	388	399	425	494

(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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
Source:	AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	60	81	86	81	99
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	–	1	3	–	1
Total Indigenous children	60	82	89	81	100
Non-Indigenous (b)					
Care and protection order	279	285	292	338	384
Another type of order	1	–	4	1	5
Not on an order	2	21	14	5	5
Total non-Indigenous children	282	306	310	344	394
All children					
Care and protection order	339	366	378	419	483
Another type of order	1	–	4	1	5
Not on an order	2	22	17	5	6
Total all children	342	388	399	425	494

(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; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Indigenous					
Respite	–	3	3	–	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	–	–	2	–	2
1 to less than 6 months	3	8	6	10	20
6 months to less than 1 year	9	15	12	7	10
1 to less than 2 years	14	14	18	11	16
2 to less than 5 years	21	25	27	24	19
5 years or more	13	17	21	29	33
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	60	79	86	81	100
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	60	82	89	81	100
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Respite	–	14	6	2	1
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	8	3	4	14	6
1 to less than 6 months	35	41	45	28	37
6 months to less than 1 year	32	34	32	41	57
1 to less than 2 years	50	58	45	59	69
2 to less than 5 years	85	86	94	103	122
5 years or more	72	70	84	97	102
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	282	292	304	342	393
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	282	306	310	344	394
All children					
Respite	–	17	9	2	1
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	8	3	6	14	8
1 to less than 6 months	38	49	51	38	57
6 months to less than 1 year	41	49	44	48	67
1 to less than 2 years	64	72	63	70	85
2 to less than 5 years	106	111	121	127	141
5 years or more	85	87	105	126	135
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	342	371	390	423	493
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	342	388	399	425	494

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

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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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(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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	9	5	2	6	21
6 months to less than 1 year	–	2	1	1	4
1 to less than 2 years	2	4	3	7	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	4	8	2
5 years or more	2	–	1	2	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	13	11	11	24	28
Non-Indigenous (c)					
1 to less than 6 months	74	53	35	27	39
6 months to less than 1 year	8	18	6	14	12
1 to less than 2 years	15	25	24	14	8
2 to less than 5 years	19	18	18	21	11
5 years or more	5	8	14	12	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	121	122	97	88	82
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	83	58	37	33	60
6 months to less than 1 year	8	20	7	15	16
1 to less than 2 years	17	29	27	21	8
2 to less than 5 years	19	18	22	29	13
5 years or more	7	8	15	14	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	134	133	108	112	110

(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; 2010 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>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	21	39	43	35	46
Non-Indigenous	no.	92	103	107	133	181
All children	no.	113	142	150	168	227
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	35.0	47.6	48.3	43.2	46.0
Non-Indigenous	%	32.6	33.7	34.5	38.7	45.9
All children	%	33.0	36.6	37.6	39.5	46.0

- (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) 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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	19	28	29	21	40
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	3	11	14	14	6
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	22	39	43	35	46
Other Indigenous carer	no.	14	17	16	14	9
Indigenous residential care	no.	2	1	2	4	3
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	16	18	18	18	12
Total children	no.	38	57	61	53	58
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	14	18	20	17	29
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	6	6	8	10	13
Total children	no.	20	24	28	27	42
Independent living/unknown	no.	2	1	–	1	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	60	82	89	81	100
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	%	32.8	34.6	32.6	26.3	40.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.2	13.6	15.7	17.5	6.0
Total placed with relative/kin	%	37.9	48.1	48.3	43.8	46.0
Other Indigenous carer	%	24.1	21.0	18.0	17.5	9.0
Indigenous residential care	%	3.4	1.2	2.2	5.0	3.0
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	27.6	22.2	20.2	22.5	12.0
Total children	%	65.5	70.4	68.5	66.3	58.0
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	24.1	22.2	22.5	21.3	29.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	10.3	7.4	9.0	12.5	13.0
Total children	%	34.5	29.6	31.5	33.8	42.0
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) 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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	36	49	57	46	60
Non-Indigenous	no.	161	171	186	215	242
All children	no.	197	220	243	261	302
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.9	95.2
Non-Indigenous	%	98.2	96.6	97.4	100.0	100.0
All children	%	98.5	97.3	98.0	99.6	99.0

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

(b) 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; 2010 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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	337	363	454	600	694
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	308	330	287	341	533
Total finalised	no.	645	693	741	941	1 227
Investigations in process (f)	no.	108	132	181	231	428
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	95	272	367
Total investigations	no.	753	825	1 017	1 444	2 022
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	851	967	2 161
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	466	929	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	1 219	1 754	1 868	2 411	4 183
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	27.6	20.7	24.3	24.9	16.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	25.3	18.8	15.4	14.1	12.7
Total finalised	%	52.9	39.5	39.7	39.0	29.3
Investigations in process (f)	%	8.9	7.5	9.7	9.6	10.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	5.1	11.3	8.8
Total investigations	%	61.8	47.0	54.4	59.9	48.3
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	45.6	40.1	51.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	38.2	53.0	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (i)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	136	117	167	156	164
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	222	201	197	178	294
Total finalised	no.	358	318	364	334	458
Investigations in process (f)	no.	69	52	69	121	228

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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>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	58	117	111
Total investigations	no.	427	370	491	572	797
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	633	677	1 209
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	455	739	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	882	1 109	1 124	1 249	2 006
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.4	10.6	14.9	12.5	8.2
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	25.2	18.1	17.5	14.3	14.7
Total finalised	%	40.6	28.7	32.4	26.7	22.8
Investigations in process (f)	%	7.8	4.7	6.1	9.7	11.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	5.2	9.4	5.5
Total investigations	%	48.4	33.4	43.7	45.8	39.7
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	56.3	54.2	60.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	51.6	66.6	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	473	480	621	756	858
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	—	..
Not substantiated	no.	530	531	484	519	827
Total finalised	no.	1 003	1 011	1 105	1 275	1 685
Investigations in process (f)	no.	177	184	250	352	656
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	153	389	478
Total investigations	no.	1 180	1 195	1 508	2 016	2 819
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	1 484	1 644	3 370
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	921	1 668	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	2 101	2 863	2 992	3 660	6 189

Table 15A.100

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

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	22.5	16.8	20.8	20.7	13.9
Carer/family issues	%	–	..
Not substantiated	%	25.2	18.5	16.2	14.2	13.4
Total finalised	%	47.7	35.3	36.9	34.8	27.2
Investigations in process (f)	%	8.4	6.4	8.4	9.6	10.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	5.1	10.6	7.7
Total investigations	%	56.2	41.7	50.4	55.1	45.5
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	49.6	44.9	54.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	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; 2010 Report, table 15A.152.

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

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (b)	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	171	125	147	195	179
Had prior admissions to orders	70	103	44	40	75
Total children admitted	241	228	191	235	254
Children discharged from orders	196	145	172	181	220
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	63	60	76	83	78
Had prior admissions to orders	52	43	37	3	12
Total children admitted	115	103	113	86	90
Children discharged from orders	105	66	88	98	113
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	234	185	223	278	257
Had prior admissions to orders	122	146	81	43	87
Total children admitted	356	331	304	321	344
Children discharged from orders	301	211	260	279	333

(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	187	276	274	322	376
Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c)	na	na	na	na	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	2	1	–	–	–
Interim and temporary orders	92	26	26	17	24
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	24	28
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total Indigenous children	281	303	300	363	428
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d)					
Guardianship or custody orders	86	122	134	143	130
Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c)	na	na	na	na	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	3	–	–	2	–
Interim and temporary orders	44	12	17	8	11
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	4	8
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total non-Indigenous children	133	134	151	157	149
Number of all children on orders					
Guardianship or custody orders	273	398	408	465	506
Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c)	na	na	na	na	–
Supervisory and other finalised orders	5	1	–	2	–
Interim and temporary orders	136	38	43	25	35
Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)	..	..	..	28	36
Other/not stated	–	–	–	..	na
Total all children	414	437	451	520	577

(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 are 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; 2010 Report, table 15A.154.

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 032	1 396	1 632	1 978	2 874
Non-Indigenous	745	916	948	983	1 371
All children	1 777	2 312	2 580	2 961	4 245
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	44.4	59.9	69.6	84.1	112.4
Non-Indigenous	22.5	27.4	27.3	28.0	40.9
All children	31.5	40.7	44.3	50.5	71.8
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	611	653	782	1 089	1 295
Non-Indigenous	341	305	391	404	486
All children	952	958	1 173	1 493	1 781
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	26.3	28.0	33.4	46.3	50.7
Non-Indigenous	10.3	9.1	11.3	11.5	14.5
All children	16.9	16.9	20.2	25.5	30.1
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	319	354	395	558	617
Non-Indigenous	128	108	145	142	145
All children	447	462	540	700	762
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	13.7	15.2	16.8	23.7	24.1
Non-Indigenous	3.9	3.2	4.2	4.0	4.3
All children	7.9	8.1	9.3	11.9	12.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	281	303	300	363	428
Non-Indigenous	133	134	151	157	149
All children	414	437	451	520	577
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	11.4	12.2	12.1	14.6	15.8
Non-Indigenous	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2
All children	7.0	7.3	7.3	8.4	9.2

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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(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 non-Indigenous 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. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(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; 2010 Report, table 15A.155.

Table 15A.104

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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (d)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	218	247	268	281	358
Non-Indigenous	106	105	129	117	124
All children	324	352	397	398	482
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	8.9	10.0	10.8	11.3	13.2
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.5
All children	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.4	7.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	346	371	452	464	543
Non-Indigenous	175	170	228	190	204
All children	521	541	680	654	747
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)					
Indigenous	14.1	15.1	18.2	18.7	20.1
Non-Indigenous	5.0	4.8	6.2	5.1	5.8
All children	8.8	9.1	11.1	10.6	12.0

- (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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children 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. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (c)
Indigenous					
Residential care	17	23	9	4	9
Family group homes	..	..	17	14	11
Home based care					
Foster care	152	176	169	180	231
Relative/kinship care	45	44	45	52	79
Other home based care	–	1	–	–	–
Total home based	197	221	214	232	310
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	2	3
Other (incl. unknown)	4	2	27	29	25
Total Indigenous children	218	247	268	281	358
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Residential care	8	9	–	–	–
Family group homes	..	..	4	–	1
Home based care					
Foster care	78	79	87	67	78
Relative/kinship care	12	13	13	20	28
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	90	92	100	87	106
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	4	3	1	–
Other (incl. unknown)	7	–	22	29	17
Total non-Indigenous children	106	105	129	117	124
All children					
Residential care	25	32	9	4	9
Family group homes	..	..	21	14	12
Home based care					
Foster care	230	255	256	247	309
Relative/kinship care	57	57	58	72	107
Other home based care	–	1	–	–	–
Total home based	287	313	314	319	416
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	5	4	3	3
Other (incl. unknown)	11	2	49	58	42
Total all children	324	352	397	398	482

- (a) Numbers for 'residential care' and 'family group homes' have been revised for 2003-2004.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (c) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (c)
Source:	AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2010 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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (b)
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	218	247	268	281	358
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	–
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	–
Total Indigenous children	218	247	268	281	358
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Care and protection order	106	105	129	117	124
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	–
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	–
Total non-Indigenous children	106	105	129	117	124
All children					
Care and protection order	324	352	397	398	482
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	–
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	–
Total all children	324	352	397	398	482

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

(b) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.

(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; 2010 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)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (c)
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	20	22	89	179	17
1 to less than 6 months	47	46	30	12	53
6 months to less than 1 year	45	46	34	12	56
1 to less than 2 years	38	53	35	26	56
2 to less than 5 years	57	59	55	35	99
5 years or more	11	21	25	17	77
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	218	247	268	281	358
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	218	247	268	281	358
Non-Indigenous (d)					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	16	8	59	83	9
1 to less than 6 months	38	42	18	4	17
6 months to less than 1 year	18	16	29	14	14
1 to less than 2 years	14	17	10	6	24
2 to less than 5 years	14	15	7	4	33
5 years or more	6	7	6	6	27
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	106	105	129	117	124
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	106	105	129	117	124
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	36	30	148	262	26
1 to less than 6 months	85	88	48	16	70
6 months to less than 1 year	63	62	63	26	70
1 to less than 2 years	52	70	45	32	80
2 to less than 5 years	71	74	62	39	132
5 years or more	17	28	31	23	104
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	324	352	397	398	482
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	324	352	397	398	482

(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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (c)
(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) A change in the counting algorithm for 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate distribution in the length of time in Out of Home Care compared with 2007-08. In addition, improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.					
(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; 2010 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)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	14	20	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	5	12	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	9	7	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	4	2	na	na	na
5 years or more	2	–	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	34	41	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous (b)					
1 to less than 6 months	7	6	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	2	8	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	6	4	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	5	1	na	na	na
5 years or more	3	–	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	23	19	na	na	na
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	21	26	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	7	20	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	15	11	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	9	3	na	na	na
5 years or more	5	–	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	na	na
Total all children	57	60	na	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; 2010 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), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	45	44	45	52	79
Non-Indigenous	no.	12	13	13	20	28
All children	no.	57	57	58	72	107
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	20.6	17.8	16.8	18.5	22.1
Non-Indigenous	%	11.3	12.4	10.1	17.1	22.6
All children	%	17.6	16.2	14.6	18.1	22.2

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where 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 was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 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), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</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.	79	90	89	87	116
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	–
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	79	90	89	87	116
Other Indigenous carer	no.	71	67	61	48	52
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	71	67	61	48	52
Total children	no.	150	157	150	135	168
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	68	87	118	146	186
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	no.	68	87	118	146	186
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	3	–	–	4
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	218	247	268	281	358
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	36.2	36.9	33.2	31.0	32.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	–
Total placed with relative/kin	%	36.2	36.9	33.2	31.0	32.8
Other Indigenous carer	%	32.6	27.5	22.8	17.1	14.7
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	32.6	27.5	22.8	17.1	14.7
Total children	%	68.8	64.3	56.0	48.0	47.5
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	31.2	35.7	44.0	52.0	52.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	%	31.2	35.7	44.0	52.0	52.5
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.

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), (f)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
(e)	Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.					
(f)	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; 2010 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>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	160	183	178	195	250
Non-Indigenous	no.	69	67	79	63	66
All children	no.	229	250	257	258	316
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	95.2	94.8	89.4	90.7	94.0
Non-Indigenous	%	93.2	97.1	84.0	80.8	91.7
All children	%	94.6	95.4	87.7	88.1	93.5

(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.

(c) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.166.

Juvenile Justice data

Table 15A.112

Table 15A.112 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>
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
2007-08	183	13	88	119	25	11	8	22	469

(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: AIHW JJNMDs (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.173.

Table 15A.113 Average rates of detention and Indigenous rate ratio, young people aged 10-17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people (a), (b), (c)

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
Indigenous									
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
2007-08	585.4	195.3	296.0	880.6	442.3	288.6	946.8	196.0	456.1
Non-Indigenous									
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
2007-08	21.3	7.9	13.2	15.6	19.2	26.1	15.5	9.8	15.3
Indigenous/non-Indigenous rate ratio (f)									
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
2007-08	27.4	24.9	22.5	56.4	23.0	11.1	61.3	20.1	29.8

(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 for 2007-08 were calculated using 'Series B' from *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021* (cat. no. 3238.0). Rates prior to 2007-08 were calculated using 'Low series' Indigenous population estimates from *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009* (cat. no. 3238.0). 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.

Source: AIHW JJNMDS (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.174.

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 Custody nights, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Number of nights in custody in detention centres									
Indigenous	75 109.0	7 869.0	27 570.0	41 258.0	10 778.0	3 752.0	2 236.0	9 157.0	177 729.0
Non-Indigenous	77 254.0	41 165.0	18 615.0	15 619.0	15 039.0	6 589.0	3 122.0	789.0	178 192.0
Unknown	3 582.0	55.0	-	na	238.0	-	-	-	3 875.0
Total	155 945.0	49 089.0	46 185.0	na	26 055.0	10 341.0	5 358.0	9 946.0	302 919.0
Number of nights in custody outside detention centres									
Indigenous	na	-	-	na	-	130.0	-	-	130.0
Non-Indigenous	na	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	na	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Total	na	-	-	na	-	130.0	-	-	130.0
Total number of custody nights									
Indigenous	na	7 869.0	27 570.0	na	10 778.0	3 882.0	2 236.0	9 157.0	61 492.0
Non-Indigenous	na	41 165.0	18 615.0	na	15 039.0	6 589.0	3 122.0	789.0	85 319.0
Unknown	na	55.0	-	na	238.0	-	-	-	293.0
Total	na	49 089.0	46 185.0	na	26 055.0	10 471.0	5 358.0	9 946.0	147 104.0
Average nightly population in detention centres									
Indigenous	205.8	21.6	75.5	113.0	29.5	10.3	6.1	25.1	486.9
Non-Indigenous	211.7	112.8	51.0	42.8	41.2	18.1	8.6	2.2	488.2
Unknown	9.8	0.2	-	na	0.7	-	-	-	10.6
Total	427.2	134.5	126.5	na	71.4	28.3	14.7	27.2	829.9
Average nightly population in custody									
Indigenous	na	21.6	75.5	na	29.5	10.6	6.1	25.1	168.5
Non-Indigenous	na	112.8	51.0	na	41.2	18.1	8.6	2.2	233.8
Unknown	na	0.2	-	na	0.7	-	-	-	0.8
Total	na	134.5	126.5	na	71.4	28.7	14.7	27.2	403.0

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 Custody nights, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.175.

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 **Proportion of pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Number of court requests for written pre-sentence reports									
Indigenous	1 838.0	na	218.0	1 916.0	na	91.0	50.0	na	4 113.0
Non-Indigenous	2 703.0	na	139.0	1 185.0	na	337.0	159.0	na	4 523.0
Unknown	412.0	na	1.0	79.0	na	99.0	..	na	591.0
Total	4 953.0	na	358.0	3 180.0	na	527.0	209.0	na	9 227.0
Number of written pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies									
Indigenous	1 804.0	na	218.0	1 872.0	na	91.0	49.0	na	4 034.0
Non-Indigenous	2 618.0	na	139.0	1 167.0	na	337.0	149.0	na	4 410.0
Unknown	393.0	na	1.0	77.0	na	99.0	..	na	570.0
Total	4 815.0	na	358.0	3 116.0	na	527.0	198.0	na	9 014.0
Proportion of pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies									
Indigenous	98.2	na	100.0	97.7	na	100.0	98.0	na	98.1
Non-Indigenous	96.9	na	100.0	98.5	na	100.0	93.7	na	97.5
Unknown	95.4	na	100.0	97.5	na	100.0	na	na	96.4
Total	97.2	99.0	100.0	98.0	na	100.0	94.7	na	97.7

(a) Data were unavailable for SA and the NT.

(b) Victoria was unable to provide (1) the number of court requests for pre-sentence reports during 2008-09 and (2) the number of reports provided by the juvenile justice agency. These data will be available for future Reports. For 2008-09, a total percentage was collected by surveying staff.

(c) Queensland data is for the period October 2008 to June 2009.

(d) Of the 11 reports that were ordered but not submitted, 7 were still being prepared at 30 June 2009. The remaining 4 were no longer required due to the young people being breached and returning to court and/or the magistrate requesting an alternate report in place of the original request, making the original request invalid.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.176.

Table 15A.116 Deaths in custody, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

	<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 young people who died in custody									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.177.

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 Young people in detention attending education and training, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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>
Number of young people in detention of compulsory school age attending an education course									
Indigenous	109.0	2.0	25.0	91.0	135.0	–	15.0	5.0	382.0
Non-Indigenous	45.0	7.0	6.0	18.0	221.0	–	17.0	–	314.0
Unknown	1.0	–	–	–	–	15.6	..	–	16.6
Total	155.0	9.0	31.0	109.0	356.0	15.6	32.0	5.0	712.6
Number of young people in detention of compulsory school age who are eligible to attend an education course									
Indigenous	109.0	2.0	25.0	91.0	135.0	–	15.0	5.0	382.0
Non-Indigenous	45.0	7.0	6.0	18.0	221.0	–	17.0	–	314.0
Unknown	1.0	–	–	–	–	15.6	–	–	16.6
Total	155.0	9.0	31.0	109.0	356.0	15.6	32.0	5.0	712.6
Proportion of young people in detention of compulsory school age attending an education course (%)									
Indigenous	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..	100.0	..	100.0
Unknown	100.0	..	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	100.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of young people in detention not of compulsory school age attending education or training									
Indigenous	537.0	13.0	85.0	39.0	71.0	–	5.0	18.0	768.0
Non-Indigenous	496.0	63.0	62.0	15.0	128.0	–	2.0	2.0	768.0
Unknown	16.0	–	–	–	–	9.7	..	–	25.7
Total	1 049.0	76.0	147.0	54.0	199.0	9.7	7.0	20.0	1 561.7
Number of young people in detention not of compulsory school age eligible to attend education or training									
Indigenous	563.0	14.0	85.0	72.0	71.0	–	5.0	19.0	829.0
Non-Indigenous	523.0	72.0	62.0	17.0	128.0	–	2.0	2.0	806.0
Unknown	17.0	–	–	–	–	9.7	–	–	26.7
Total	1 103.0	86.0	147.0	89.0	199.0	9.7	7.0	21.0	1 661.7
Proportion of young people in detention not of compulsory school age attending education or training (%)									
Indigenous	95.4	92.9	100.0	54.2	100.0	..	100.0	94.7	92.6
Non-Indigenous	94.8	87.5	100.0	88.2	100.0	..	100.0	100.0	95.3
Unknown	94.1	..	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	96.2
Total	95.1	88.4	100.0	60.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.2	94.0

(a) Data are based on averaged quarterly attendance counts.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.178.

Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 Escapes from detention and escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (a)	NT (b)	Aust
Number of escapes from a juvenile justice detention centre									
Indigenous	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Non-Indigenous	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Number of custody nights in detention centres									
Indigenous	75 109.0	7 869.0	27 570.0	41 258.0	10 778.0	3 752.0	2 236.0	9 157.0	177 729.0
Non-Indigenous	77 254.0	41 165.0	18 615.0	15 619.0	15 039.0	6 589.0	3 122.0	789.0	178 192.0
Unknown	3 582.0	55.0	-	na	238.0	-	-	-	3 875.0
Total	155 945.0	49 089.0	46 185.0	na	26 055.0	10 341.0	5 358.0	9 946.0	302 919.0
Rate of escapes from detention per 10 000 detainees									
Indigenous	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2
Non-Indigenous	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Number of escapes during periods of escorted movements									
Indigenous	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	na	1.0
Non-Indigenous	2.0	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	na	4.0
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.0	-	-	-	1.0	2.0	-	-	5.0
Number of periods of escorted movements									
Indigenous	2 627.0	238.0	111.0	2 501.0	979.0	-	na	na	6 456.0
Non-Indigenous	3 751.0	1 602.0	460.0	1 204.0	1 774.0	na	na	na	8 791.0
Unknown	225.0	-	-	-	-	713.0	na	477.0	1 415.0
Total	6 603.0	1 840.0	571.0	3 705.0	2 753.0	713.0	na	477.0	16 662.0
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Table 15A.118 Escapes from detention and escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (a)	NT (b)	Aust
Rate of escapes from escorted movements per 10 000 escorted movements									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	10.2	–	–	na	1.5
Non-Indigenous	5.3	–	–	–	–	na	–	na	4.6
Unknown	–	..	..	..	..	–	–	–	–
Total	3.0	–	–	–	3.6	28.1	–	–	3.0

(a) The ACT was unable to provide the number of escorted movements undertaken during 2008-09.

(b) Escorted movements were not reliably recorded by Indigenous status in the NT during 2008-09. Therefore, all escorted movements data are recorded as unknown Indigenous status.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.179.

Table 15A.119

Table 15A.119 Absconds from unescorted leave, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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>
Number of absconds from unescorted leave									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Number of periods of unescorted leave undertaken									
Indigenous	673.0	20.0	–	–	6.0	–	na	na	699.0
Non-Indigenous	763.0	434.0	–	–	9.0	–	na	na	1 206.0
Unknown	67.0	–	–	–	–	91.0	na	na	158.0
Total	1 503.0	454.0	–	–	15.0	91.0	na	na	2 063.0
Rate of absconds per 1000 periods of unescorted leave									
Indigenous	–	–	..	..	–	..	na	na	–
Non-Indigenous	–	–	..	..	–	..	na	na	–
Unknown	–	..	..	..	..	–	na	na	–
Total	–	–	..	..	–	–	na	na	–

(a) Data for the number of unescorted leaves undertaken were not available from the ACT and the NT. No periods of unescorted leave were undertaken in Qld and WA.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.180.

Table 15A.120

Table 15A.120 Case plans prepared/reviewed within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced order, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Number of case plans prepared/reviewed within six weeks of commencing a sentenced community-based order									
Indigenous	777.0	103.0	890.0	na	na	na	12.0	na	1 782.0
Non-Indigenous	1 132.0	818.0	914.0	na	na	na	34.0	na	2 898.0
Unknown	177.0	20.0	–	na	na	na	–	na	197.0
Total	2 086.0	941.0	1 804.0	na	na	na	46.0	na	4 877.0
Number of sentenced community-based orders commenced									
Indigenous	799.0	104.0	1 130.0	na	na	na	13.0	na	2 046.0
Non-Indigenous	1 178.0	850.0	1 031.0	na	na	na	51.0	na	3 110.0
Unknown	195.0	24.0	–	na	na	na	–	na	219.0
Total	2 172.0	978.0	2 161.0	na	na	na	64.0	na	5 375.0
Proportion									
Indigenous	97.2	99.0	78.8	na	na	na	92.3	na	87.1
Non-Indigenous	96.1	96.2	88.7	na	na	na	66.7	na	93.2
Unknown	90.8	83.3	..	na	na	na	..	na	90.0
Total	96.0	96.2	83.5	na	na	na	71.9	na	90.7
Number of case plans prepared/reviewed within six weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order									
Indigenous	229.0	21.0	196.0	168.0	na	–	2.0	42.0	658.0
Non-Indigenous	223.0	103.0	92.0	51.0	na	–	1.0	3.0	473.0
Unknown	14.0	–	–	na	na	89.0	–	–	103.0
Total	466.0	124.0	288.0	219.0	na	89.0	3.0	45.0	1 234.0
Number of sentenced detention orders commenced									
Indigenous	229.0	22.0	206.0	168.0	na	–	4.0	42.0	671.0
Non-Indigenous	223.0	111.0	93.0	51.0	na	–	1.0	3.0	482.0
Unknown	14.0	–	–	na	na	89.0	–	–	103.0
Total	466.0	133.0	299.0	219.0	na	89.0	5.0	45.0	1 256.0
Proportion									
Indigenous	100.0	95.5	95.1	100.0	na	..	50.0	100.0	98.1
Non-Indigenous	100.0	92.8	98.9	100.0	na	..	100.0	100.0	98.1
Unknown	100.0	..	..	na	na	100.0	..	..	100.0
Total	100.0	93.2	96.3	100.0	na	100.0	60.0	100.0	98.2

(a) Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a community-based order were not available for WA, SA, Tasmania and the NT.

(b) Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order were not available for SA.

(c) A number of clients did not comply with their order within the first 6 weeks of the order being made. Non-compliance either resulted in the client being breached and returning to court, returning to court on fresh charges or not attending supervision or specified programs as directed. In these cases, Youth Justice staff took appropriate follow up action but were unsuccessful in contacting or engaging the client, preventing them from preparing a case plan. Count includes clients transferred from interstate.

Table 15A.120 Case plans prepared/reviewed within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced order, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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.. Not applicable. **na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.181.

SAAP data

Table 15A.121 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										
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										
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
2007-08 (g)	%	18.2	7.2	21.7	41.0	21.4	11.6	12.3	65.2	21.7
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
2007-08	%	26.3	7.2	35.8	56.5	23.7	3.3	12.5	84.6	28.2

- (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. Since a client may have support periods in more than one state or territory, state and territory figures do not sum to the national figure.
- (b) 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. First, 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. Second, a number of people may receive ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. Third, 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.
- (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.
- (g) Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2033.

Table 15A.121 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>
<i>Source:</i>	SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); AIHW (2004), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), <i>Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection, SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 151, Canberra; AIHW (2007), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 169, Canberra; AIHW (2008), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; AIHW (2009), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2007-08: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 211, Canberra; 2010 Report, table 15A.190.									

Table 15A.122

Table 15A.122 **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>
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	98.0	98.0	100.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	100.0	99.0
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
2007-08										
Support plan	%	65.8	56.4	57.5	37.3	73.0	59.2	67.5	54.2	58.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	10.3	8.6	11.6	16.5	4.4	7.0	13.3	9.6	10.6
Support period too short	%	23.2	33.9	30.3	45.6	22.0	32.9	18.7	36.0	30.6
Other	%	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.6

Table 15A.122 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)

Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	8 500	2 900	5 400	4 900	3 500	600	300	2 300	28 300

- (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 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.
- (i) Data exclude 3339 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2009) *Homeless People in SAAP: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2007-08, Australia*. SAAP NDCA Report series 13; 2010 Report, table 15A.193.

Table 15A.123

Table 15A.123 **Support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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
2007-08										
Provided only	%	79.2	71.1	83.2	92.1	74.6	82.4	63.0	89.4	81.6
Referred only	%	5.0	11.1	4.5	2.6	6.1	4.9	7.2	2.8	5.1
Provided & referred	%	11.8	9.7	8.7	3.7	13.3	6.6	26.1	5.4	9.3
Unmet	%	3.9	8.1	3.6	1.6	6.0	6.0	3.8	2.4	4.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	58.0	18.5	32.6	30.6	18.7	3.2	2.2	17.1	180.9

(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); 2010 Report, table 15A.195.

Table 15A.124

Table 15A.124 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>
2006-07										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (d), (e)										
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 (f) (g)										
Independent housing										
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										

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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>
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
2007-08										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (h), (i)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.3	–	0.5	0.9
Private rental	%	25.1	14.8	29.6	15.3	10.4	17.2	11.0	7.3	21.0
Public housing rental	%	16.2	24.5	13.3	34.8	19.5	14.6	18.7	15.3	18.7
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	3.7	3.3	4.8	3.9	5.0	–	1.0	11.5	4.1
Rent free accommodation	%	7.0	5.8	6.8	5.0	8.1	5.9	16.8	14.3	7.2
Boarding	%	24.7	28.0	20.3	17.9	30.3	24.2	14.8	29.2	24.3
Total	%	77.9	77.2	75.4	78.1	74.1	63.2	62.3	78.1	76.2
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	7.6	10.3	6.0	7.2	3.9	20.3	16.6	3.9	7.8
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.2	3.0	2.8	2.0	2.1	–	5.4	1.3	2.0
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.3	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.8	0.8	2.4	1.7	1.4
Institutional setting	%	4.0	1.5	1.7	1.9	8.6	5.2	4.5	2.1	3.4
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	5.3	4.2	10.4	8.6	8.8	5.9	8.7	7.1	6.8
Other (no tenure)	%	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.4	0.7	4.6	–	5.8	2.3
Total	%	22.0	22.8	24.4	22.0	25.9	36.8	37.6	21.9	23.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	2 400	1 000	1 100	500	500	200	100	300	6 100
Type of tenure immediately after support period (j), (k)										
Independent housing										

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Table 15A.124 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	%	1.2	0.3	0.3	–	1.0	1.7	–	0.6	0.7
Private rental	%	38.7	16.7	40.5	19.0	18.1	24.7	10.2	11.7	29.9
Public housing rental	%	21.4	36.6	17.0	42.6	28.8	30.3	40.7	30.1	26.5
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	5.9	3.5	7.5	5.5	9.5	3.3	1.2	9.3	6.0
Rent free accommodation	%	4.5	3.5	2.6	3.6	2.9	0.7	7.5	8.4	3.9
Boarding	%	16.2	20.4	15.8	16.4	20.8	15.7	9.6	23.7	17.4
Total	%	87.9	81.0	83.7	87.1	81.1	76.4	69.2	83.8	84.4
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	3.9	8.9	4.1	3.6	3.0	8.9	11.6	1.1	4.9
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	2.1	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.9	6.4	15.3	5.4	4.1
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.9	–	–	1.1	1.5
Institutional setting	%	1.8	1.0	1.7	1.8	4.5	3.2	–	2.4	1.9
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.3	1.0	2.6	1.6	3.9	3.0	3.9	2.2	1.9
Other (no tenure)	%	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.7	2.2	–	3.9	1.4
Total	%	12.2	18.8	16.3	13.0	18.9	23.7	30.8	16.1	15.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 800	800	900	400	400	100	100	200	4 700

- (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 71 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (e) Data exclude 456 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (f) Data exclude 94 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 1570 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.
- (h) Data exclude 172 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 514 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (j) Data exclude 197 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (k) Data exclude 1848 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.203.

Table 15A.125 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>
2006-07										
Before SAAP Support (c), (d)										
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 (e), (f)										
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
2007-08										
Before SAAP Support (g), (h)										
Employed full time	%	3.1	2.3	3.7	0.9	1.0	–	6.7	2.6	2.8
Employed part time	%	4.3	3.7	5.4	8.2	4.7	10.6	3.0	2.8	4.7
Unemployed	%	27.3	40.0	40.5	35.2	30.9	38.2	12.7	42.0	32.1
Not in labour force	%	65.3	54.0	50.5	55.8	63.4	51.2	77.6	52.7	60.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	800	200	200	100	100	–	–	–	1 600
After SAAP Support (i), (j)										
Employed full time	%	5.5	4.7	6.5	5.6	1.1	–	13.5	3.1	5.2
Employed part time	%	7.0	6.4	11.4	10.1	6.3	15.5	6.5	18.8	8.0
Unemployed	%	26.0	42.5	35.6	33.7	37.4	39.5	12.8	34.9	31.3
Not in labour force	%	61.5	46.3	46.5	50.5	55.2	45.0	67.2	43.1	55.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	700	200	200	100	100	–	–	–	1 500

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

(d) Data exclude 56 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

(e) Data exclude 17 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(f) Data exclude 217 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

(g) Data exclude 3 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Table 15A.125 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>
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(h) Data exclude 24 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

(i) Data exclude 5 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(j) Data exclude 181 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.205.

Table 15A.126

Table 15A.126 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>
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
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

Table 15A.126

Table 15A.126 **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>
2007-08										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.9	71.0	76.7	62.2	68.9	75.5	73.4	74.1	71.6
2	%	13.6	15.0	13.6	21.7	16.1	13.9	18.1	16.4	15.8
3	%	4.6	5.8	4.9	6.6	5.6	6.7	5.2	5.4	5.5
4	%	2.1	2.9	2.1	4.1	3.3	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.8
5	%	1.2	1.8	0.9	2.0	2.2	0.5	1.4	0.7	1.4
6+	%	2.6	3.5	1.9	3.5	3.9	1.6	1.0	0.9	2.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	6 400	2 200	4 500	3 500	2 400	500	300	1 900	21 300
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
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
2007-08	%	24.1	29.0	23.4	37.9	31.1	24.6	26.6	25.9	28.4

(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.

(c) Excludes 6686 clients who did not answer the question about Indigenous identification.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.207.

Table 15A.127

Table 15A.127 **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										
2006-07 (c), (d)										
No income	%	21.7	15.1	14.0	10.6	14.6	10.0	34.4	12.1	16.2
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 (e), (f)										
No income	%	5.7	2.5	5.9	4.0	7.0	-	19.5	4.0	5.1
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
Source of income before SAAP support										
2007-08 (g), (h)										
No income	%	18.0	10.5	16.4	7.5	19.4	12.8	22.4	15.9	15.2
No income, awaiting benefit	%	3.2	2.0	3.6	2.4	2.5	15.5	-	4.7	3.2
Government pension/benefit	%	74.3	84.1	75.4	86.5	75.7	59.5	64.7	72.0	77.1
Other	%	4.6	3.3	4.6	3.7	2.3	12.1	12.9	7.4	4.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 000	400	500	300	200	-	-	200	2 700
Source of income after SAAP support										
2007-08 (i), (j)										
No income	%	4.2	3.7	8.7	3.0	10.1	-	14.6	7.1	5.6
No income, awaiting benefit	%	3.2	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.4	3.1	-	3.6	2.4
Government pension/benefit	%	87.2	91.0	85.7	93.7	86.4	83.6	63.1	83.8	87.7
Other	%	5.4	3.5	3.7	1.4	2.1	13.3	22.2	5.4	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	900	400	500	300	200	-	-	200	2 500

Table 15A.127 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>
(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)	32 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(d)	30 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(e)	51 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(f)	242 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.									
(g)	29 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(h)	74 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(i)	43 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(j)	255 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
	– Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.210.