

# 15A Protection and support services — attachment

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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>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>27 803</b>	<b>1 109</b>	<b>4 182</b>	<b>1 293</b>	<b>1 772</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1 227</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>34 483</b>	<b>1 259</b>	<b>5 475</b>	<b>1 459</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2 022</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	7 482	1 861	..	2 112	3 212	497	721	2 161
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>41 965</b>	<b>3 120</b>	<b>5 475</b>	<b>3 571</b>	<b>4 995</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1 039</b>	<b>4 183</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>29.3</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>48.3</b>
Dealt with by other means	%	17.8	59.6	..	59.1	64.3	71.4	69.4	51.7
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>90 707</b>	<b>9 191</b>	<b>14 273</b>	<b>2 424</b>	<b>4 114</b>	<b>1 887</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>458</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>116 776</b>	<b>9 958</b>	<b>17 933</b>	<b>2 703</b>	<b>4 137</b>	<b>2 256</b>	<b>1 667</b>	<b>797</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	54 945	29 773	..	3 885	14 089	7 393	6 889	1 209
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>171 721</b>	<b>39 731</b>	<b>17 933</b>	<b>6 588</b>	<b>18 226</b>	<b>9 649</b>	<b>8 556</b>	<b>2 006</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>

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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
<b>Total investigations</b>	%	<b>68.0</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>39.7</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	32.0	74.9	..	59.0	77.3	76.6	80.5	60.3
<b>Total notifications</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>118 510</b>	<b>10 300</b>	<b>18 455</b>	<b>3 717</b>	<b>5 886</b>	<b>2 055</b>	<b>1 777</b>	<b>1 685</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>151 259</b>	<b>11 217</b>	<b>23 408</b>	<b>4 162</b>	<b>5 920</b>	<b>2 455</b>	<b>1 985</b>	<b>2 819</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	62 427	31 634	..	5 997	17 301	7 890	7 610	3 370
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>213 686</b>	<b>42 851</b>	<b>23 408</b>	<b>10 159</b>	<b>23 221</b>	<b>10 345</b>	<b>9 595</b>	<b>6 189</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>27.2</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>45.5</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	29.2	73.8	..	59.0	74.5	76.3	79.3	54.5
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

(b) A number of changes have been made since the 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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>1 130</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1 717</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>254</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 697</b>	<b>2 808</b>	<b>2 930</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>90</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>3 827</b>	<b>3 241</b>	<b>4 647</b>	<b>1 355</b>	<b>1 087</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>344</b>
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 979</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>2 720</b>	<b>1 465</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>428</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>9 512</b>	<b>5 275</b>	<b>5 222</b>	<b>1 872</b>	<b>1 788</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>149</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>13 491</b>	<b>6 100</b>	<b>7 942</b>	<b>3 337</b>	<b>2 361</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>577</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>110 339</b>	<b>33 563</b>	<b>20 755</b>	<b>8 791</b>	<b>14 690</b>	<b>7 127</b>	<b>4 953</b>	<b>4 245</b>	<b>204 463</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>62 095</b>	<b>9 784</b>	<b>16 477</b>	<b>3 416</b>	<b>4 272</b>	<b>1 787</b>	<b>1 252</b>	<b>1 781</b>	<b>100 864</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>13 957</b>	<b>6 129</b>	<b>6 596</b>	<b>1 454</b>	<b>1 901</b>	<b>1 074</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>32 478</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>13 491</b>	<b>6 100</b>	<b>7 942</b>	<b>3 337</b>	<b>2 361</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>35 409</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>15 211</b>	<b>5 283</b>	<b>7 093</b>	<b>2 682</b>	<b>2 016</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>34 069</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>17 998</b>	<b>7 826</b>	<b>9 527</b>	<b>3 456</b>	<b>2 519</b>	<b>1 011</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>43 976</b>
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>
<b>Indigenous</b>								
Residential care	76	73	135	42	33	5	16	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	57	–	8	–	11
<b>Home based care</b>								
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	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>4 887</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>2 346</b>	<b>1 093</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>310</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	2	..	2	4	–	–	3
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	3	20	–	–	25
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 991</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>2 481</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>								
Residential care	266	405	309	56	140	26	37	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	34	–	21	–	1
<b>Home based care</b>								
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	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>9 894</b>	<b>4 109</b>	<b>4 303</b>	<b>1 379</b>	<b>1 283</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>106</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	60	35	..	15	16	1	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	1	56	9	1	17
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>10 220</b>	<b>4 549</b>	<b>4 612</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>1 495</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>All children</b>								
Residential care	342	478	444	98	173	31	53	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	91	–	29	–	12
<b>Home based care</b>								
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	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>14 781</b>	<b>4 768</b>	<b>6 649</b>	<b>2 472</b>	<b>1 747</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>416</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	87	37	..	17	20	1	–	3
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	4	76	9	1	42
<b>Total children</b>	<b>15 211</b>	<b>5 283</b>	<b>7 093</b>	<b>2 682</b>	<b>2 016</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>482</b>

(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	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 991</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>2 481</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>358</b>
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	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>10 220</b>	<b>4 549</b>	<b>4 612</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>1 495</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>124</b>
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	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>15 211</b>	<b>5 283</b>	<b>7 093</b>	<b>2 682</b>	<b>2 016</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>482</b>

(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	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 991</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>2 481</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>358</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>10 220</b>	<b>4 549</b>	<b>4 612</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>1 495</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>124</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>15 211</b>	<b>5 283</b>	<b>7 093</b>	<b>2 682</b>	<b>2 016</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>482</b>

**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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 508</b>	<b>1 148</b>	<b>1 250</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>2 247</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 750</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>na</b>

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.24, 15A.36, 15A.48, 15A.60, 15A.72, 15A.84, 15A.96 and 15A.108; 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>8 620</b>	<b>1 963</b>	<b>2 379</b>	<b>1 187</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>15 479</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>45.4</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 723</b>	<b>1 827</b>	<b>2 246</b>	<b>1 136</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>14 015</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>45.0</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 780</b>	<b>1 781</b>	<b>2 084</b>	<b>1 017</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>12 578</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>44.3</b>
2006										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44	3 397
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13	6 919
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 536</b>	<b>1 616</b>	<b>1 650</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10 316</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	67.3	42.2	34.8	59.0	38.2	20.4	47.6	17.8	52.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.2	32.6	25.8	29.6	19.5	21.9	33.7	12.4	36.5
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>40.5</b>

(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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 303</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>5 664</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1 936</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 169</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1 445</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>7 600</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1 036</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2 861</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	28	10	..	5	4	–	–	4	51
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 991</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>2 481</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>10 512</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Indigenous relative/kin	%	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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>54.1</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>72.7</b>

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
<b>Total children</b>	%	<b>16.0</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>27.3</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>10 173</b>	<b>3 042</b>	<b>4 910</b>	<b>1 901</b>	<b>1 235</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>22 439</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>97.9</b>

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

Source: Tables 15A.27, 15A.39, 15A.51, 15A.63, 15A.75, 15A.87, 15A.99 and 15A.111; 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1 502</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>na</b>
2005-06								
Indigenous	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
<b>All children (e)</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2 008</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>57</b>
2006-07								
Indigenous	165	210	888	175	21	3	82	29
Non-Indigenous	100	1 531	352	323	39	50	336	32
<b>All children</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>1 240</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>61</b>
2007-08								
Indigenous	178	152	806	104	26	4	91	75
Non-Indigenous	107	3 864	1 038	267	22	59	348	29
<b>All children</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>4 016</b>	<b>1 844</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>104</b>
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
<b>All children (e)</b>	<b>6 311</b>	<b>5 067</b>	<b>2 199</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>73</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1 502</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>na</b>
2005-06								
Male	122	444	150	230	54	25	na	32
Female	107	387	138	217	45	27	na	25
Unknown	–	1 177	–	2	–	–	na	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2 008</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>57</b>
2006-07								
Male	131	704	535	245	36	23	227	32
Female	134	610	620	246	24	30	191	29
Unknown	–	427	85	7	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>1 240</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>61</b>

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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>4 016</b>	<b>1 844</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>104</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 311</b>	<b>5 067</b>	<b>2 199</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>73</b>

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>204.8</b>	<b>206.2</b>	<b>207.4</b>	<b>220.9</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 329.0</b>	<b>4 335.7</b>	<b>4 426.6</b>	<b>4 466.1</b>	<b>4 519.2</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 532.7</b>	<b>4 540.5</b>	<b>4 632.8</b>	<b>4 673.5</b>	<b>4 740.1</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>214.4</b>	<b>215.4</b>	<b>217.6</b>	<b>219.1</b>	<b>233.3</b>

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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 593.2</b>	<b>4 602.1</b>	<b>4 700.9</b>	<b>4 750.1</b>	<b>4 802.4</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 807.6</b>	<b>4 817.6</b>	<b>4 918.5</b>	<b>4 969.2</b>	<b>5 035.7</b>

(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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>204.5</b>	<b>206.8</b>	<b>206.8</b>	<b>208.0</b>	<b>221.9</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 323.7</b>	<b>4 337.6</b>	<b>4 437.8</b>	<b>4 472.4</b>	<b>4 534.5</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 528.0</b>	<b>4 544.4</b>	<b>4 644.6</b>	<b>4 680.3</b>	<b>4 756.4</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>215.3</b>	<b>218.0</b>	<b>218.3</b>	<b>219.8</b>	<b>234.5</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 587.0</b>	<b>4 605.2</b>	<b>4 714.5</b>	<b>4 754.6</b>	<b>4 818.9</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 802.3</b>	<b>4 823.2</b>	<b>4 932.9</b>	<b>4 974.4</b>	<b>5 053.3</b>

(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>
<b>Indigenous children</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 011</b>	<b>13 978</b>	<b>20 601</b>	<b>24 867</b>	<b>27 803</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>10 770</b>	<b>15 458</b>	<b>24 664</b>	<b>30 496</b>	<b>34 483</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>20 330</b>	<b>24 989</b>	<b>33 276</b>	<b>37 455</b>	<b>41 965</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>66.3</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>81.4</b>	<b>82.2</b>
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	%	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous children (h)</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>33 973</b>	<b>55 356</b>	<b>72 128</b>	<b>82 076</b>	<b>90 707</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	13 829	5 166	2 653	3 295	4 170

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	<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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>47 802</b>	<b>60 522</b>	<b>89 590</b>	<b>107 082</b>	<b>116 776</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>113 306</b>	<b>127 817</b>	<b>156 652</b>	<b>158 144</b>	<b>171 721</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>52.8</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>68.0</b>
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	%	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>40 984</b>	<b>69 334</b>	<b>92 729</b>	<b>106 943</b>	<b>118 510</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>58 572</b>	<b>75 980</b>	<b>114 254</b>	<b>137 578</b>	<b>151 259</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>133 636</b>	<b>152 806</b>	<b>189 928</b>	<b>195 599</b>	<b>213 686</b>

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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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>55.5</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>70.8</b>
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	%	–	–	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or 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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1 130</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>1 915</b>	<b>2 154</b>	<b>2 582</b>	<b>2 704</b>	<b>2 697</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 537</b>	<b>2 977</b>	<b>3 495</b>	<b>3 614</b>	<b>3 827</b>
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 113</b>	<b>2 409</b>	<b>2 880</b>	<b>3 380</b>	<b>3 979</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 507</b>	<b>6 804</b>	<b>7 759</b>	<b>8 706</b>	<b>9 512</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>8 620</b>	<b>9 213</b>	<b>10 639</b>	<b>12 086</b>	<b>13 491</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>77 262</b>	<b>84 356</b>	<b>98 662</b>	<b>101 928</b>	<b>110 339</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>26 909</b>	<b>37 206</b>	<b>46 227</b>	<b>55 939</b>	<b>62 095</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>9 198</b>	<b>12 627</b>	<b>13 690</b>	<b>13 119</b>	<b>13 957</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>8 620</b>	<b>9 213</b>	<b>10 639</b>	<b>12 086</b>	<b>13 491</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>13 566</b>	<b>15 211</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 664</b>	<b>12 203</b>	<b>14 066</b>	<b>16 008</b>	<b>17 998</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>2 485</b>	<b>2 837</b>	<b>3 633</b>	<b>4 241</b>	<b>4 887</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	9	8	13	13	27
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	1	1
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>4 316</b>	<b>4 991</b>
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	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>6 427</b>	<b>6 758</b>	<b>7 888</b>	<b>8 933</b>	<b>9 894</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	41	35	46	57	60
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	5	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>6 999</b>	<b>8 154</b>	<b>9 250</b>	<b>10 220</b>
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	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>8 912</b>	<b>9 595</b>	<b>11 521</b>	<b>13 174</b>	<b>14 781</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	50	43	59	70	87
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	6	1
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>13 566</b>	<b>15 211</b>

(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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>4 316</b>	<b>4 991</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>6 999</b>	<b>8 154</b>	<b>9 250</b>	<b>10 220</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>13 566</b>	<b>15 211</b>

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

(b) 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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>4 316</b>	<b>4 991</b>
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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>6 999</b>	<b>8 154</b>	<b>9 250</b>	<b>10 220</b>
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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>13 566</b>	<b>15 211</b>

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

**Table 15A.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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>739</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous (b)</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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 345</b>	<b>1 203</b>	<b>1 165</b>	<b>1 328</b>	<b>1 508</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 808</b>	<b>1 628</b>	<b>1 554</b>	<b>1 867</b>	<b>2 247</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 292</b>	<b>5 536</b>	<b>6 780</b>	<b>7 723</b>	<b>8 620</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>56.7</b>

(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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 751</b>	<b>1 951</b>	<b>2 526</b>	<b>2 926</b>	<b>3 303</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	443	512	637	700	843
Indigenous residential care	no.	7	9	12	8	23
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>866</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 201</b>	<b>2 472</b>	<b>3 175</b>	<b>3 634</b>	<b>4 169</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>794</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	9	8	13	14	28
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>4 316</b>	<b>4 991</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	58.6	57.8	60.7	58.5	55.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	10.5	9.8	8.0	9.5	11.0
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>66.6</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>84.0</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 309</b>	<b>6 765</b>	<b>7 936</b>	<b>9 006</b>	<b>10 173</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 212</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>1 095</b>	<b>1 041</b>	<b>1 109</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	39	20	82	154	150
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 251</b>	<b>1 217</b>	<b>1 177</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>1 259</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 497</b>	<b>2 701</b>	<b>2 886</b>	<b>2 918</b>	<b>3 120</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>35.5</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.6	0.7	2.8	5.3	4.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	—	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>40.4</b>
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	%	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children (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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>10 274</b>	<b>10 133</b>	<b>9 442</b>	<b>9 039</b>	<b>9 191</b>
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.	..	..	—	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>10 637</b>	<b>10 678</b>	<b>10 126</b>	<b>9 972</b>	<b>9 958</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>35 026</b>	<b>35 286</b>	<b>35 789</b>	<b>38 689</b>	<b>39 731</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>23.1</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.4	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	—	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>25.1</b>
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	%	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>11 486</b>	<b>11 330</b>	<b>10 537</b>	<b>10 080</b>	<b>10 300</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	402	564	763	1 087	917
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>11 888</b>	<b>11 894</b>	<b>11 300</b>	<b>11 167</b>	<b>11 217</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>37 523</b>	<b>37 987</b>	<b>38 675</b>	<b>41 607</b>	<b>42 851</b>

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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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>24.0</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.6	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	—	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>26.2</b>
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	%	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or 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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>433</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 670</b>	<b>2 661</b>	<b>2 577</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>2 808</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>3 080</b>	<b>3 058</b>	<b>2 934</b>	<b>3 289</b>	<b>3 241</b>
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>825</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 081</b>	<b>4 379</b>	<b>4 804</b>	<b>5 464</b>	<b>5 275</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 668</b>	<b>5 011</b>	<b>5 492</b>	<b>6 239</b>	<b>6 100</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>28 506</b>	<b>29 630</b>	<b>30 241</b>	<b>32 299</b>	<b>33 563</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>10 553</b>	<b>10 554</b>	<b>9 939</b>	<b>9 559</b>	<b>9 784</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>7 014</b>	<b>7 287</b>	<b>6 588</b>	<b>6 162</b>	<b>6 129</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>4 668</b>	<b>5 011</b>	<b>5 492</b>	<b>6 239</b>	<b>6 100</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>5 056</b>	<b>5 283</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 795</b>	<b>7 785</b>	<b>7 898</b>	<b>7 826</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>659</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	2	1	2
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>734</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>3 531</b>	<b>3 914</b>	<b>4 092</b>	<b>3 989</b>	<b>4 109</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	29	39	22	35
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>4 242</b>	<b>4 426</b>	<b>4 396</b>	<b>4 549</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>4 021</b>	<b>4 417</b>	<b>4 674</b>	<b>4 607</b>	<b>4 768</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	22	30	41	23	37
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>5 056</b>	<b>5 283</b>

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

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

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

	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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>734</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 868</b>	<b>4 242</b>	<b>4 426</b>	<b>4 396</b>	<b>4 549</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 394</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>5 056</b>	<b>5 283</b>

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

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

(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	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>734</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>4 242</b>	<b>4 426</b>	<b>4 396</b>	<b>4 549</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>5 056</b>	<b>5 283</b>



**Table 15A.35 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number)**  
**(a), (b)**

	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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>187</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 869</b>	<b>1 733</b>	<b>1 739</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 148</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>2 187</b>	<b>2 031</b>	<b>2 092</b>	<b>1 448</b>	<b>1 335</b>

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

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 616</b>	<b>1 781</b>	<b>1 827</b>	<b>1 963</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>343</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	77	102	103	144	75
Indigenous residential care	no.	11	21	19	15	13
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>431</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>293</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	29	4	62	15	10
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>734</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	26.8	27.7	22.2	16.0	25.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.3	14.6	18.1	27.3	22.4
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>47.4</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>59.5</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>40.5</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

(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>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 539</b>	<b>2 789</b>	<b>2 974</b>	<b>2 895</b>	<b>3 042</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 169</b>	<b>2 649</b>	<b>3 809</b>	<b>3 396</b>	<b>4 182</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 645</b>	<b>4 312</b>	<b>5 157</b>	<b>4 896</b>	<b>5 475</b>
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	291	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	291	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 936</b>	<b>4 312</b>	<b>5 157</b>	<b>4 896</b>	<b>5 475</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>76.4</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	7.4	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	7.4	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children (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
<b>Total finalised (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>21 232</b>	<b>18 909</b>	<b>17 033</b>	<b>14 653</b>	<b>14 273</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>32 505</b>	<b>29 300</b>	<b>23 354</b>	<b>20 107</b>	<b>17 933</b>
Dealt with by other means (f)		4 388	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 388	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>36 893</b>	<b>29 300</b>	<b>23 354</b>	<b>20 107</b>	<b>17 933</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>79.6</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	11.9	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	11.9	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>23 401</b>	<b>21 558</b>	<b>20 842</b>	<b>18 049</b>	<b>18 455</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>36 150</b>	<b>33 612</b>	<b>28 511</b>	<b>25 003</b>	<b>23 408</b>
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	4 679	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 679	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>40 829</b>	<b>33 612</b>	<b>28 511</b>	<b>25 003</b>	<b>23 408</b>

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
<b>Total finalised (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>78.8</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	11.5	..	..	..	..
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	11.5	..	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1 089</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 386</b>	<b>1 717</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 943</b>	<b>2 983</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 926</b>	<b>2 930</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>3 705</b>	<b>4 072</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>4 312</b>	<b>4 647</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 342</b>	<b>1 667</b>	<b>1 915</b>	<b>2 216</b>	<b>2 720</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 515</b>	<b>4 779</b>	<b>4 476</b>	<b>4 824</b>	<b>5 222</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>5 857</b>	<b>6 446</b>	<b>6 391</b>	<b>7 040</b>	<b>7 942</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>29 298</b>	<b>25 404</b>	<b>23 820</b>	<b>22 101</b>	<b>20 755</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>17 741</b>	<b>16 792</b>	<b>17 447</b>	<b>16 075</b>	<b>16 477</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>12 886</b>	<b>10 077</b>	<b>8 778</b>	<b>7 277</b>	<b>6 596</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>5 857</b>	<b>6 446</b>	<b>6 391</b>	<b>7 040</b>	<b>7 942</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7.4</b>

**Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>5 972</b>	<b>6 670</b>	<b>7 093</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>6 732</b>	<b>7 207</b>	<b>8 080</b>	<b>8 989</b>	<b>9 527</b>
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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 268</b>	<b>1 459</b>	<b>1 691</b>	<b>2 002</b>	<b>2 346</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	..	..	..	..	..
Other (incl. unknown)	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>1 749</b>	<b>2 085</b>	<b>2 481</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous (b)</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	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>4 328</b>	<b>4 192</b>	<b>3 936</b>	<b>4 282</b>	<b>4 303</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	..	..	..	..	..
Other (incl. unknown)	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>4 380</b>	<b>4 223</b>	<b>4 585</b>	<b>4 612</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>5 596</b>	<b>5 651</b>	<b>5 627</b>	<b>6 284</b>	<b>6 649</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	..	..	..	..	..
Other (incl. unknown)	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>5 972</b>	<b>6 670</b>	<b>7 093</b>

(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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>1 749</b>	<b>2 085</b>	<b>2 481</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>4 380</b>	<b>4 223</b>	<b>4 585</b>	<b>4 612</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>5 972</b>	<b>6 670</b>	<b>7 093</b>

(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	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>1 749</b>	<b>2 085</b>	<b>2 481</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>4 380</b>	<b>4 223</b>	<b>4 585</b>	<b>4 612</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>5 972</b>	<b>6 670</b>	<b>7 093</b>

**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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous (b)</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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1 089</b>	<b>1 077</b>	<b>1 110</b>	<b>1 250</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 208</b>	<b>1 446</b>	<b>1 531</b>	<b>1 544</b>	<b>1 750</b>

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

(b) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>1 650</b>	<b>2 084</b>	<b>2 246</b>	<b>2 379</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>855</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	366	400	449	610	566
Indigenous residential care	no.	2	9	6	9	24
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>590</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1 023</b>	<b>1 182</b>	<b>1 445</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>1 036</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>1 749</b>	<b>2 085</b>	<b>2 481</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	26.9	25.3	22.9	19.1	23.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.0	9.5	9.5	7.9	10.7
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>23.8</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>58.2</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>41.8</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 995</b>	<b>4 084</b>	<b>4 094</b>	<b>4 598</b>	<b>4 910</b>
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.

# Single jurisdiction data — WA



Table 15A.52

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
<b>Indigenous children</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>1 150</b>	<b>1 293</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	316	353	379	293	111
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	48	52	55
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 081</b>	<b>1 353</b>	<b>1 495</b>	<b>1 459</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 087</b>	<b>1 122</b>	<b>2 599</b>	<b>3 086</b>	<b>3 571</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>36.2</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>40.9</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous children (h)</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 641</b>	<b>1 622</b>	<b>2 006</b>	<b>2 342</b>	<b>2 424</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	455	487	441	415	182

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 096</b>	<b>2 109</b>	<b>2 549</b>	<b>2 888</b>	<b>2 703</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 119</b>	<b>2 193</b>	<b>5 101</b>	<b>5 891</b>	<b>6 588</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>36.8</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 391</b>	<b>2 350</b>	<b>2 932</b>	<b>3 492</b>	<b>3 717</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	771	840	820	708	293
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	150	183	152
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 162</b>	<b>3 190</b>	<b>3 902</b>	<b>4 383</b>	<b>4 162</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 206</b>	<b>3 315</b>	<b>7 700</b>	<b>8 977</b>	<b>10 159</b>

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>36.6</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>41.0</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or 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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>583</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>772</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>1 362</b>	<b>1 568</b>	<b>1 355</b>
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1 091</b>	<b>1 279</b>	<b>1 465</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 123</b>	<b>1 248</b>	<b>1 538</b>	<b>1 815</b>	<b>1 872</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>2 046</b>	<b>2 629</b>	<b>3 094</b>	<b>3 337</b>

- (a) Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.
- (b) Data include for the first time children in care applications adjourned at 30 June where no subsequent court appearance had occurred by the end of August. Data from 2001-02 and 2002-03 do not include these children.
- (c) Implementation of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders, for 2006 onwards.
- (d) In 2006-07, the number of children on orders included 24 children who were placed on Enduring Parental Responsibility orders.
- (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
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 928</b>	<b>3 049</b>	<b>6 916</b>	<b>7 879</b>	<b>8 791</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 214</b>	<b>2 192</b>	<b>2 701</b>	<b>3 214</b>	<b>3 416</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 035</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>1 383</b>	<b>1 454</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>2 046</b>	<b>2 629</b>	<b>3 094</b>	<b>3 337</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>2 546</b>	<b>2 682</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 489</b>	<b>2 544</b>	<b>2 991</b>	<b>3 262</b>	<b>3 456</b>
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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	39	38	50	41	42
Family group homes	24	25	33	44	57
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	217	238	304	334	400
Relative/kinship care	400	452	573	651	693
Other home based care	–	–	–	..	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1 093</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	5	4	5	7	2
Other (incl. unknown)	7	9	13	1	3
<b>Total indigenous children</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1 078</b>	<b>1 197</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous (d)</b>					
Residential care	85	74	89	104	56
Family group homes	19	17	14	7	34
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	665	728	822	847	885
Relative/kinship care	337	356	444	485	494
Other home based care	–	–	–	..	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 002</b>	<b>1 084</b>	<b>1 266</b>	<b>1 332</b>	<b>1 379</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	17	12	16	15
Other (incl. unknown)	10	10	12	9	1
<b>Total non-indigenous children</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 202</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 468</b>	<b>1 485</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	124	112	139	145	98
Family group homes	43	42	47	51	91
<b>Home based care</b>					
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	–	–	–	..	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 619</b>	<b>1 774</b>	<b>2 143</b>	<b>2 317</b>	<b>2 472</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	26	21	17	23	17
Other (incl. unknown)	17	19	25	10	4
<b>Total children</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>2 546</b>	<b>2 682</b>

- (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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1 078</b>	<b>1 197</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 202</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 468</b>	<b>1 485</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>2 546</b>	<b>2 682</b>

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

(b) 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1 078</b>	<b>1 197</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 202</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 468</b>	<b>1 485</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>2 546</b>	<b>2 682</b>

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

**Table 15A.59 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

	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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>143</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>301</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>444</b>

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

(b) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>1 017</b>	<b>1 136</b>	<b>1 187</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>703</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	143	143	156	155	169
Indigenous residential care	no.	25	18	21	25	26
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>898</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>294</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	9	10	12	8	5
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1 078</b>	<b>1 197</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	50.5	52.1	53.0	52.9	50.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.8	8.1
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>59.0</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>75.3</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>24.7</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>1 314</b>	<b>1 609</b>	<b>1 778</b>	<b>1 901</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 713</b>	<b>1 139</b>	<b>1 590</b>	<b>1 544</b>	<b>1 772</b>
Investigations in process (d)	no.	3	19	13	2	11
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 716</b>	<b>1 158</b>	<b>1 603</b>	<b>1 546</b>	<b>1 783</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 580</b>	<b>2 996</b>	<b>4 060</b>	<b>4 177</b>	<b>4 995</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>35.5</b>
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>35.7</b>
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	%	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children (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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 537</b>	<b>3 640</b>	<b>4 141</b>	<b>3 893</b>	<b>4 114</b>
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.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 563</b>	<b>3 684</b>	<b>4 203</b>	<b>3 907</b>	<b>4 137</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>13 893</b>	<b>12 073</b>	<b>14 374</b>	<b>16 670</b>	<b>18 226</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>22.6</b>
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>22.7</b>
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	%	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 250</b>	<b>4 779</b>	<b>5 731</b>	<b>5 437</b>	<b>5 886</b>
Investigations in process (d)	no.	29	63	75	16	34
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 279</b>	<b>4 842</b>	<b>5 806</b>	<b>5 453</b>	<b>5 920</b>
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.	—	—	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>17 473</b>	<b>15 069</b>	<b>18 434</b>	<b>20 847</b>	<b>23 221</b>

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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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>25.3</b>
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	–
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>25.5</b>
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	%	–	–	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or 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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>302</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>785</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1 162</b>	<b>1 087</b>
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>573</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 231</b>	<b>1 293</b>	<b>1 441</b>	<b>1 657</b>	<b>1 788</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 553</b>	<b>1 671</b>	<b>1 881</b>	<b>2 197</b>	<b>2 361</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 055</b>	<b>10 151</b>	<b>11 995</b>	<b>13 597</b>	<b>14 690</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>4 280</b>	<b>3 545</b>	<b>4 237</b>	<b>3 962</b>	<b>4 272</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 798</b>	<b>1 461</b>	<b>1 753</b>	<b>1 819</b>	<b>1 901</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 553</b>	<b>1 671</b>	<b>1 881</b>	<b>2 197</b>	<b>2 361</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>1 841</b>	<b>2 016</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 943</b>	<b>2 014</b>	<b>2 269</b>	<b>2 379</b>	<b>2 519</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>464</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	4	5	4
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	4	7	20
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>521</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>1 035</b>	<b>1 087</b>	<b>1 148</b>	<b>1 283</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	5	20	16
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	58	65	56
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>1 374</b>	<b>1 495</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 235</b>	<b>1 372</b>	<b>1 466</b>	<b>1 578</b>	<b>1 747</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	9	25	20
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	62	72	76
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>1 841</b>	<b>2 016</b>

(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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>521</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>1 374</b>	<b>1 495</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>1 841</b>	<b>2 016</b>

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

(b) 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>521</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>1 374</b>	<b>1 495</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>1 841</b>	<b>2 016</b>

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

**Table 15A.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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous (b)</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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>374</b>

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

(b) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>767</b>
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>	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.	70	109	140	182	204
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	12	28	40	47	61
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>265</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	136	138	136	124	112
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>377</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>120</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	8	12	24
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>521</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	24.5	30.4	35.3	40.0	41.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	4.2	7.8	10.1	10.3	12.3
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>53.3</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	47.6	38.4	34.3	27.3	22.5
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>22.5</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>75.9</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>24.1</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

– 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1 020</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 235</b>
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.

# Single jurisdiction data — Tas

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
<b>Indigenous children (e)</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>168</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	12	46	61	28	27
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	26	30	4
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>199</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>696</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>24.1</b>
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
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>28.6</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous children (k)</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 271</b>	<b>1 338</b>	<b>1 771</b>	<b>2 020</b>	<b>1 887</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	488	2 360	1 742	210	201

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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
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 759</b>	<b>3 698</b>	<b>4 424</b>	<b>3 133</b>	<b>2 256</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>10 558</b>	<b>12 625</b>	<b>14 053</b>	<b>12 488</b>	<b>9 649</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>19.6</b>
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
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>1 418</b>	<b>1 837</b>	<b>2 086</b>	<b>2 055</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	500	2 406	1 803	238	228
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	937	933	172
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 833</b>	<b>3 824</b>	<b>4 577</b>	<b>3 257</b>	<b>2 455</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>10 788</b>	<b>13 029</b>	<b>14 498</b>	<b>12 863</b>	<b>10 345</b>

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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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>19.9</b>
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
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>23.7</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>540</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>627</b>
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	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>151</b>
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	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>840</b>
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	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>991</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>5 765</b>	<b>6 585</b>	<b>7 326</b>	<b>7 510</b>	<b>7 127</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 054</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 165</b>	<b>1 572</b>	<b>1 787</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>1 074</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>991</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>808</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1 011</b>
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 OOHHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely 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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>117</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	4	3	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	2	2	1	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>130</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>621</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	35	–	2	1
Other (incl. unknown)	17	16	4	8	9
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>678</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>738</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	25	38	–	2	1
Other (incl. unknown)	19	18	5	8	9
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>808</b>

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

(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	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>130</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>678</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>808</b>

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

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

(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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>130</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>678</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>808</b>

**Table 15A.83 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number)**  
**(a), (b), (c)**

	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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous (b)</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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>150</b>

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

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>229</b>
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)**

	<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.	8	10	9	14	13
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	11	8	15	16	20
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	1	13	16	6	3
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>94</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	4	5	5	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>130</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	10.8	10.8	8.3	13.7	10.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.9	8.6	13.9	15.7	15.4
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>25.4</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	1.4	14.0	14.8	5.9	2.3
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>27.7</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>72.3</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>560</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>280</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	49	103	28	–	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	26	18	38
<b>Total investigations (g)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>318</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1 004</b>	<b>1 039</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>26.9</b>
Investigations in process (e)	%	6.1	12.3	3.0	–	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	2.8	1.8	3.7
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>30.6</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children (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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 241</b>	<b>2 198</b>	<b>2 101</b>	<b>1 247</b>	<b>1 497</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	439	692	240	–	–



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>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	50	86	170
<b>Total investigations (g)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 680</b>	<b>2 890</b>	<b>2 391</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>1 667</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 477</b>	<b>7 229</b>	<b>7 775</b>	<b>7 966</b>	<b>8 556</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>
Investigations in process (e)	%	6.8	9.6	3.1	—	—
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	0.6	1.1	2.0
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>19.5</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 529</b>	<b>2 497</b>	<b>2 416</b>	<b>1 462</b>	<b>1 777</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	488	795	268	—	—
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	76	104	208
<b>Total investigations (g)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 017</b>	<b>3 292</b>	<b>2 760</b>	<b>1 566</b>	<b>1 985</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 275</b>	<b>8 064</b>	<b>8 710</b>	<b>8 970</b>	<b>9 595</b>

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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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>18.5</b>
Investigations in process (e)	%	6.7	9.9	3.1	–	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	0.9	1.2	2.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>20.7</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice and/or referrals were followed up.
- (c) '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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>81</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>300</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>381</b>
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>130</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>480</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>610</b>

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>3 430</b>	<b>4 099</b>	<b>4 567</b>	<b>4 529</b>	<b>4 953</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 652</b>	<b>1 578</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1 252</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>605</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>610</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>494</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>892</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	–	1	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>356</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	4	4	–
Other (incl. unknown)	2	5	1	1	1
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>394</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>440</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	4	5	–
Other (incl. unknown)	2	5	1	1	1
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>494</b>

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

(b) 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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>394</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>494</b>

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

(b) 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>394</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>494</b>

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

**Table 15A.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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>82</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>110</b>

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

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

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>227</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>46</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	14	17	16	14	9
Indigenous residential care	no.	2	1	2	4	3
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>58</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	2	1	–	1	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	32.8	34.6	32.6	26.3	40.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.2	13.6	15.7	17.5	6.0
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>46.0</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>58.0</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>42.0</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>302</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1 227</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	108	132	181	231	428
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	95	272	367
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1 017</b>	<b>1 444</b>	<b>2 022</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 219</b>	<b>1 754</b>	<b>1 868</b>	<b>2 411</b>	<b>4 183</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>48.3</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children (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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>458</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>797</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1 109</b>	<b>1 124</b>	<b>1 249</b>	<b>2 006</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>22.8</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>39.7</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 003</b>	<b>1 011</b>	<b>1 105</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 685</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	177	184	250	352	656
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	153	389	478
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>1 508</b>	<b>2 016</b>	<b>2 819</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 101</b>	<b>2 863</b>	<b>2 992</b>	<b>3 660</b>	<b>6 189</b>

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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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>45.5</b>
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	..	..	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) The NT cannot reliably count notifications dealt with by other means and such matters are included under 'notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means'.
- (e) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>254</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>90</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>344</b>
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>428</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>149</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>577</b>

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

(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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 777</b>	<b>2 312</b>	<b>2 580</b>	<b>2 961</b>	<b>4 245</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 173</b>	<b>1 493</b>	<b>1 781</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>762</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>577</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>482</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>747</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>310</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	2	3
Other (incl. unknown)	4	2	27	29	25
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>358</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>106</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	4	3	1	–
Other (incl. unknown)	7	–	22	29	17
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>124</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>416</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	5	4	3	3
Other (incl. unknown)	11	2	49	58	42
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>482</b>

- (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)
<i>Source:</i> 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	..	..	..	..	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>358</b>
Non-Indigenous (c)					
Care and protection order	106	105	129	117	124
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	–
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>124</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	324	352	397	398	482
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	–
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>482</b>

(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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>358</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>124</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>482</b>

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

**Table 15A.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.					
<b>na</b> 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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous (b)</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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

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

(b) 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>107</b>
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	–
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>116</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	71	67	61	48	52
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>168</b>
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.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>186</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	3	–	–	4
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>358</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	36.2	36.9	33.2	31.0	32.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	–
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>32.8</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	32.6	27.5	22.8	17.1	14.7
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>47.5</b>
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	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) 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.					
	<b>na</b> 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>316</b>
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	Q/d	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 300</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>5 300</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>23 000</b>
2004-05 (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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 800</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>5 000</b>	<b>5 400</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 700</b>	<b>24 500</b>
2005-06 (g)										
Support plan	%	60.7	63.2	53.5	36.6	76.1	65.3	64.2	69.1	57.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	10.3	10.3	11.2	16.1	5.1	7.9	6.3	5.0	10.5
Support period too short	%	26.9	24.6	33.7	47.1	18.2	26.0	28.1	26.0	31.2
Other	%	2.1	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	–	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>4 100</b>	<b>4 700</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>22 100</b>
2006-07 (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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 300</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>4 900</b>	<b>5 000</b>	<b>2 900</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 700</b>	<b>26 600</b>
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)**

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

- (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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>168.5</b>
2004-05										
Provided only	%	82.2	73.4	86.6	88.5	82.4	85.1	70.4	81.1	83.3
Referred only	%	5.5	8.1	3.8	2.3	7.2	5.3	6.1	6.9	5.1
Provided & referred	%	9.0	13.6	5.3	5.3	7.6	7.6	19.0	11.3	8.3
Unmet	%	3.3	4.9	4.3	3.9	2.9	1.9	4.4	0.8	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>158.9</b>
2005-06										
Provided only	%	81.8	72.0	86.5	90.2	75.6	82.8	72.8	77.8	82.1
Referred only	%	6.5	9.5	3.8	3.1	8.5	6.2	10.3	8.6	6.2
Provided & referred	%	7.2	11.3	5.9	2.9	9.6	7.5	12.5	11.8	7.5
Unmet	%	4.4	7.2	3.8	3.7	6.3	3.5	4.3	1.8	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>152.6</b>
2006-07										
Provided only	%	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>175.9</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>180.9</b>

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

(b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

(c) 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>74.9</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>5 600</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>83.9</b>
Non-Independent housing										



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>
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
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>15.1</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>1 700</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>4 400</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>77.9</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>76.2</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>22.0</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>23.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>2 400</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>6 100</b>
Type of tenure immediately after support period (j), (k)										
Independent housing										

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>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>84.4</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>4 700</b>

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (c) 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1 400</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1 200</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1 600</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1 500</b>

(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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>3 900</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>15 900</b>
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	74.1	75.7	78.5	67.8	67.6	73.8	81.5	73.7	70.8
2	%	14.4	13.9	13.3	16.5	17.9	16.9	10.2	15.7	15.6
3	%	4.7	4.7	3.7	7.7	6.3	5.8	5.3	5.4	6.2
4	%	2.0	2.7	1.7	3.0	3.6	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8
5	%	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7
6+	%	3.0	2.0	1.7	3.1	2.7	1.1	–	1.6	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 000</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>15 900</b>
2005-06										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	79.8	75.0	80.2	70.2	70.1	70.1	82.5	77.3	75.4
2	%	11.5	13.3	12.0	16.2	16.4	17.2	7.1	14.9	13.7
3	%	4.8	4.1	4.2	7.3	6.5	7.9	5.2	4.3	5.5
4	%	1.4	2.8	1.7	2.6	3.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3
5	%	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2
6+	%	1.6	3.6	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.9	0.4	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 300</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>17 100</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 600</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>3 600</b>	<b>2 300</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>20 100</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 400</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>4 500</b>	<b>3 500</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>21 300</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 600</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 400</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 700</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 500</b>

**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.