
12A Children's services attachment

Definitions for the descriptors and indicators in this attachment are in Section 12A.3. Unsourced information has been obtained from Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments. This year the Commonwealth has used a different methodology to compile its data. Commonwealth data for 1995-96 have been revised according to this new methodology. Commonwealth data for 1996-97 have not been revised.

12A.1 All jurisdictions' data

Descriptors

Table 12A.1 Estimated resident population, children 12 years and younger, Australia (number)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust ^a
<i>30 June 1996</i>									
0 – 2	262 618	188 520	144 990	75 984	58 086	20 528	13 302	10 821	775 016
3	88 624	63 734	48 988	25 214	19 840	6 832	4 407	3 498	261 212
4	88 048	63 486	49 212	25 390	19 732	6 877	4 456	3 554	260 821
5	89 344	64 798	49 607	26 368	19 892	7 086	4 645	3 566	265 374
6 – 12	609 334	441 480	341 471	186 962	141 516	50 025	31 717	22 018	1 825 006
Total	1 137 968	822 018	634 268	339 918	259 066	91 348	58 527	43 457	3 387 429
<i>30 June 1997</i>									
0 – 2	261 645	186 088	144 296	75 857	57 304	19 701	13 047	10 773	768 873
3	88 162	63 918	49 226	25 602	19 542	6 904	4 309	3 504	261 229
4	88 684	63 800	49 591	25 527	19 843	6 791	4 355	3 520	262 186
5	88 211	63 651	49 855	25 642	19 714	6 859	4 389	3 552	261 939
6 – 12	614 084	444 370	345 288	188 325	140 500	49 483	31 469	22 576	1 836 594
Total	1 140 786	821 827	638 256	340 953	256 903	89 738	57 569	43 925	3 390 821
<i>30 June 1998</i>									
0 – 2	258 628	184 192	143 356	75 162	55 812	18 609	12 517	10 672	759 101
3	88 153	64 033	49 316	25 942	19 595	6 807	4 357	3 554	261 813
4	88 391	64 172	49 924	25 938	19 570	6 836	4 303	3 490	262 685
5	88 964	64 115	50 224	25 856	19 862	6 769	4 304	3 506	263 674
6 – 12	617 023	446 937	350 046	189 127	139 926	48 624	31 023	23 108	1 846 301
Total	1 141 159	823 449	642 866	342 025	254 765	87 645	56 504	44 330	3 393 574

^a Data for Australia included other Territories.

Source: ABS (*Population by Age and Sex*, Cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished).

Table 12A.2 Number of children and staff from services included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, children and staff

	<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>1995-96</i>										
Children (0-12 years) ^a	No.	156 000	114 300	117 100	36 600	38 400	12 400	11 700	5 200	491 700
Paid primary contact staff	FTE ^b	8 700	5 900	7 200	2 300	1 600	500	700	300	27 200
Paid administrative staff	FTE ^b	1 100	900	1 000	350	300	80	100	50	3 880
Other paid staff	FTE ^b	750	450	350	200	100	30	30	30	1 940
Family day carers	FTE ^{b, c}	4 800	4 600	3 400	1 000	1 700	500	800	250	17 050
Unpaid staff	No.	1 400	1 300	1 000	300	300	100	60	60	4 520
<i>1997-98</i>										
Children (0-5 years) ^a	No.	119 900	80 000	80 900	27 700	21 700	8 500	6 300	3 500	348 500
Children (0-12 years) ^a	No.	175 800	128 300	126 900	40 900	40 600	12 900	11 500	5 500	542 400
Paid primary contact staff	FTE ^b	9 400	7 060	7 700	2 500	1 600	470	800	400	29 930
Paid administrative staff	FTE ^b	1 400	1 040	1 100	350	330	80	100	60	4 460
Other paid staff	FTE ^b	800	530	300	200	100	30	30	30	2 020
Family day carers	FTE ^{b, c}	4 400	4 300	3 600	980	1 600	500	600	200	16 180
Unpaid staff	No.	1 420	1 300	1 100	350	300	80	30	50	4 630

^a Numbers of children in each age category included vacation care which may result in double counting due to overlap with outside school hours care. Children from Aboriginal playgroups were not included because ages are not collected for these children. There were 2 500 children who attended Aboriginal playgroups. Data included a small number of children older than 12 years. ^b Full time equivalent was interpreted as working 38 hours per week. No information was available for Aboriginal playgroups, mobiles, neighbourhood model and family day care schemes. These questions were not asked in the Census of Child Care Services. ^c For family day care it is not possible to determine whether a carer is an employee or a contractor — the situation differs within each State and between States.

Table 12A.3 Number of places provided by services included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, 1995-96 and 1997-98 (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>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>1995-96^b</i>									
Centre based long day care	54 200	35 000	50 400	13 900	8 100	2 050	2 950	1 400	168 000
Family day care	19 200	16 400	10 700	3 700	5 100	1 700	2 500	900	60 200
Outside school hours care ^c	24 100	18 200	13 600	6 100	5 500	1 700	2 000	700	71 900
Occasional care ^d	1 400	1 300	750	550	450	250	150	50	4 900
Other care	510	280	200	250	200	30	0	200	1 670
<i>1997-98^e</i>									
Centre based long day care	62 100	43 700	55 000	15 300	10 100	2 600	3 930	1 800	194 530
Family day care	20 500	16 800	11 800	4 000	5 100	2 000	2 600	900	63 700
Vacation care	14 600	4 700	8 200	3 000	4 100	600	960	1 100	37 260
Before school hours care	10 500	6 300	2 900	1 700	3 500	100	460	50	25 510
After school hours care	21 500	17 900	13 900	5 200	7 300	1 500	2 600	1 300	71 200
Occasional care	1 500	1 300	800	500	450	200	130	50	4 930
Other care	550	250	300	270	180	40	0	200	1 790

^a Data sourced from the Child Care System. ^b Number of operational places as at June 1996. The numbers of places were rounded. ^c Disaggregated data were not available for vacation care, before and after school hours services. ^d Included neighbourhood model places. ^e Number of places as at 30 June 1998. Number of places for Aboriginal playgroups was not available.

Table 12A.4 Fees paid for services included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, (\$)

	<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>1995-96^a</i>								
Centre based long day care ^b	147.00	146.00	139.00	145.00	159.00	157.00	153.00	132.00
Family day care ^b	128.00	117.00	116.00	125.00	125.00	133.00	122.00	117.00
Vacation care ^b	60.00	77.00	59.00	76.00	52.00	90.00	93.00	98.00
Before school hours care ^c	4.56	3.72	3.14	3.96	2.86	4.34	4.14	2.50
After school hours care ^c	6.35	5.44	5.21	6.27	5.38	5.97	7.77	8.12
Occasional care ^d	3.88	3.35	3.88	3.35	2.48	3.72	3.43	4.40
Other care ^e	130.00	152.00	126.00	151.00	165.00	..	..	134.00
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care ^b	161.00	157.00	146.00	152.00	165.00	174.00	172.00	149.00
Family day care ^b	139.00	121.00	121.00	140.00	134.00	152.00	151.00	123.00
Vacation care ^b	60.00	71.00	64.00	75.00	62.00	82.00	99.00	85.00
Before school hours care ^c	4.57	3.74	3.46	4.05	2.80	4.15	4.07	2.00
After school hours care ^c	6.48	5.53	5.51	6.18	4.97	6.32	7.85	7.93
Occasional care ^f	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other care ^f	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

^a Fees were provided from the respective 1996 and 1997 Child Care Census. ^b Average weekly fee. ^c Average sessional fee. ^d Average hourly fee. ^e Average weekly fee for multifunctional children's services only. ^f Average weekly fees were not available for the sample week. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.5 Hours paid per child at services included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care^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>1995-96</i>								
Centre based long day care	18.6	23.6	20.7	20	18.7	14.4	28.9	25.9
Family day care	20.3	17.2	21.9	19.5	15.7	13.6	24.4	26
Vacation care ^b	2.8	2.6	3	3	2.3	2.2	3.2	3.5
Before school hours care	5.5	3.9	2.5	5.6	3.3	2.6	3.8	4.6
After school hours care	7.5	7.5	6.8	7.9	5.1	4.9	7.9	10.2
Occasional care	7.2	5.9	7.2	7.4	5.6	10.5	7.7	5.8
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care	18.2	22.6	19.9	19.3	17.4	14.4	26.0	26.9
Family day care	19.3	16.5	21.0	17.6	14.9	14.0	20.8	27.9
Vacation care ^b	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.3	3.2	4.4
Before school hours care	5.2	3.8	4.4	5.5	2.7	3.0	3.2	na
After school hours care	7.2	5.5	6.7	7.7	5.0	4.8	7.5	10.6
Occasional care	6.7	4.4	6.5	6.5	3.9	8.4	7.8	5.3
Other care	15.3	24.0	20.7	17.8	18.0	20.0	0.0	29.0

^a Average attendance hours was derived by summing hours paid for within each sector and dividing by the number of children who attended in the reference week. No information was available for mobile and Aboriginal playgroups for hours of attendance. Therefore children from these sectors were not included in the total children using other care. The children count in this section will be lower than the number of children in table 12A.2. ^b Average days of attendance. The Census did not ask hours attended but rather days.

Table 12A.6 Commonwealth Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	<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>1995-96</i>									
Administrative expenditure ^a	5 234	3 511	3 478	1 886	1 274	565	546	645	17 139
Other expenditure on service provision	59 310	42 182	33 238	17 295	16 614	5 854	5 176	4 699	184 369
Expenditure on assets	1 821	3 351	2 019	483	1 631	785	262	401	10 753
Financial support ^b	185 677	145 628	204 572	53 076	43 251	10 350	9 062	5 398	657 015
Total	252 043	194 672	243 308	72 740	62 770	17 555	15 046	11 143	869 277
<i>1997-98</i>									
Administrative expenditure ^c	3 725	2 679	2 802	1 313	1 065	441	437	479	12 942
Other expenditure on service provision	52 252	36 767	31 709	15 740	15 045	5 350	4 740	4 383	165 985
Expenditure on assets	3 278	3 684	4 160	540	875	698	398	296	13 930
Financial support ^d	232 999	164 553	213 647	58 050	43 976	12 960	14 195	7 881	748 260
Total	292 254	207 683	252 318	75 643	60 961	19 448	19 770	13 039	941 116

^a Data exclude administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink. ^b Data included families receiving Childcare Assistance only. ^c Data exclude \$57.2 million spent administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink as these costs could not be disaggregated by jurisdiction.

^d Data included families receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care and preschool services, but not for informal care services.

Table 12A.7 Commonwealth Government real expenditure on children's services, (\$'000 in 1997-98 dollars)

	<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>1995-96</i>									
Administrative expenditure ^a	5 388	3 614	3 581	1 941	1 312	582	562	664	17 644
Other expenditure on service provision	61 056	43 425	34 217	17 804	17 103	6 027	5 329	4 837	189 797
Expenditure on assets	1 875	3 449	2 078	497	1 680	809	269	413	11 070
Financial support ^b	191 145	149 916	210 596	54 639	44 524	10 655	9 328	5 557	676 360
Total	259 465	200 404	250 472	74 882	64 619	18 072	15 490	11 471	894 872
<i>1997-98</i>									
Administrative expenditure ^c	3 725	2 679	2 802	1 313	1 065	441	437	479	12 942
Other expenditure on service provision	52 252	36 767	31 709	15 740	15 045	5 350	4 740	4 383	165 985
Expenditure on assets	3 278	3 684	4 160	540	875	698	398	296	13 930
Financial support ^d	232 999	164 553	213 647	58 050	43 976	12 960	14 195	7 881	748 260
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^a Data exclude administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink. ^b Data included families receiving Childcare Assistance only. ^c Data exclude \$57.2 million spent administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink as these costs could not be disaggregated by jurisdiction.

^d Data included families receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care and preschool services, but not for informal care services.

Table 12A.8 Paid primary contact staff in child care with qualifications or experience working in services included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, 1995-96^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									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification ^b	5 982	4 372	4 640	1 544	1 185	406	537	147	18 813
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	2 220	1 519	1 018	438	612	186	269	96	6 358
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	3 240	2 590	3 936	1 004	820	264	493	157	12 504
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>11 442</i>	<i>8 481</i>	<i>9 594</i>	<i>2 986</i>	<i>2 617</i>	<i>856</i>	<i>1 299</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>37 675</i>
Per cent									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification ^b	52.3	51.5	48.4	51.7	45.3	47.4	41.3	36.8	49.9
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	19.4	17.9	10.6	14.6	23.4	21.7	20.7	24.0	16.9
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	28.3	30.6	41.0	33.7	31.3	30.9	38.0	39.3	33.2
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

^a Figures were provided from the 1996 Child Care Census. Paid primary contact staff did not include staff in Aboriginal playgroups, neighbourhood model and family day care coordination staff for which data was not available. Figures did include family day care givers. ^b Included staff training for a qualification.

Table 12A.9 Paid primary contact staff in child care with qualifications or experience working in services included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, 1997-98^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									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification ^b	6 900	5 400	5 300	1 600	1 200	400	600	200	21 600
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	2 900	1 800	1 500	550	700	200	300	100	8 050
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	3 700	2 900	3 900	1 200	800	200	500	200	13 400
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>13 500</i>	<i>10 100</i>	<i>10 700</i>	<i>3 350</i>	<i>2 700</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>1 400</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>43 050</i>
Per cent									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification ^b	51.1	53.5	49.5	47.8	44.4	50.0	42.9	40.0	50.2
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	21.5	17.8	14.0	16.4	25.9	25.0	21.4	20.0	18.7
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	27.4	28.7	36.4	35.8	29.6	25.0	35.7	40.0	31.1
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

^a Did not include family day care, Aboriginal playgroups, and occasional care neighbourhood model for which data were not available. ^b Included staff training for a qualification.

Table 12A.10 Children using children's services by employment status of parents, 1996 (per cent)

	<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>Child care</i>									
Both parents in workforce	81	75	67	59	75	62	86	70	74
At least one parent not in workforce	19	25	33	41	25	38	14	30	26
<i>Preschool</i>									
Both parents in workforce	55	45	45	37	48	61	57	53	49
At least one parent not in workforce	45	55	54	63	52	39	43	47	51

Source: ABS (*Child Care*, Cat. no. 4402.0).

Table 12A.11 Children using children's services by employment status of parents (per cent)

	<i>Both parents in workforce</i>			<i>At least one parent not in workforce</i>		
	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Total</i>
1993	69	46	60	31	54	40
1996	74	49	66	26	51	34

Source: ABS (*Child Care*, Cat. no. 4402.0).

Effectiveness

Table 12A.12 **Services providing nonstandard hours of care included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, (per cent)^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>
1995-96									
Centre based long day care ^b	48.3	94.0	80.5	35.3	87.9	43.1	47.4	37.5	69.2
Family day care ^c	2.1	4.1	5.6	3.8	15.4	1.7	1.9	3.6	4.8
Vacation care	81.3	57.1	79.7	88.9	90.3	7.7	0.0	66.7	73.8
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	7.6	na	7.1	9.2	7.7	22.6	16.7	66.7	na
Other care	7.7	0.0	0.0	12.5	14.3	0.0	..	0.0	5.9
1997-98^d									
Centre based long day care ^b	50.0	84.4	77.8	77.1	75.0	50.0	50.0	25.0	66.8
Family day care ^{b, e}	70.0	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0	40.0	81.5
Vacation care	25.0	41.7	65.0	57.1	41.7	15.0	0.0	15.0	38.3
Before school hours care	25.0	9.1	20.0	16.7	1.9	0.0	..	0.0	16.5
After school hours care	40.0	8.0	25.0	23.1	15.0	25.0	1.7	15.0	22.3
Occasional care	4.0	0.7	2.9	8.8	0.0	6.7	10.0	0.0	3.0
Other care	5.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	..	0.0	4.3

^a Preliminary data. Rounding has had a greater effect on this indicator for smaller jurisdictions. ^b Includes services providing over 10 hours of care. ^c Proportion of children attending family day care services that receive nonstandard hours of care. ^d Number of services was at 30 June 1998. ^e Proportion of family day care schemes that provide nonstandard hours of care. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.13 Commonwealth and State and Territory Government funded and/or provided child care services providing nonstandard hours of care, 1997-98 (per cent)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Centre based long day care ^a	50.0	84.4	77.8	77.1	na	25.0	50.0	25.0
Family day care ^{a, b}	70.0	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	45.5	50.0	40.0
Vacation care	15.4	20.0	53.6	na	na	9.4	3.2	na
Before school hours care	25.0	8.3	20.0	16.7	1.9	0.0	..	0.0
After school hours care	40.0	6.9	25.0	23.1	15.0	25.0	1.7	15.0
Occasional care	6.3	na	2.2	8.8	na	3.8	23.8	0.0
Other care	5.0	0.0	na	10.0	10.0	0.0	..	na

^a Includes Commonwealth services providing more than 10 hours of care per day. ^b Proportion of family day care schemes that provide nonstandard hours of care. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Sources: tables 12A.12; 12A.25; 12A.33; 12A.33; 12A.40; 12A.49; 12A.56; 12A.62; 12A.68; 12A.77.

Table 12A.14 Proportion of attendees of Commonwealth and State and Territory Government funded and/or provided child care services from special needs groups (per cent)^a

	<i>Proportion of attendees at child care services</i>		<i>Proportion of total children in the community</i>
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	9.6 ^b	10.7 ^c	12.6 ^d
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	1.9 ^b	1.6 ^c	3.7 ^d
Children from single parent families	20.8 ^e	19.0 ^f	15.7 ^d
Children with disabilities	2.6 ^e	2.0 ^c	6.7 ^g
Children from rural and remote areas	na	21.3 ^h	17.3 ^d

^a Comparisons between the representation of children from special needs groups in attendees of child care services and their representation in the community should be treated with caution because there were definitional differences. Data refer to children under 12 years of age. ^b Did not include children attending some State services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, Tasmania and the NT. ^c Did not include children attending some State services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA and SA. ^d Representation in the community related to 1996. ^e Did not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the NT. ^f Did not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT. ^g Representation in the community was for 1993. ^h Did not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, and Tasmania. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Commonwealth Government unpublished; State and Territory Governments unpublished.

Table 12A.15 Proportion of attendees at child care services from special needs groups, by jurisdiction, 1995-96 and 1997-98 (per cent)^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>
<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds^b</i>									
1995-96	14	12	5	7	6	3	10	5	10
1997-98	15.2	12.5	6.0	8.3	5.9	3.1	12.2	7.3	10.7
Representation in the Australian community ^c	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children^b</i>									
1995-96	1	0.6	2	2	2	1	1	11	1
1997-98	1.4	0.5	2.4	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	14.5	1.6
Representation in the community ^d	3.3	0.9	5.5	5.3	2.8	5.4	1.9	35.9	3.7
<i>Children from single parent families^e</i>									
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	17.5	17.5	21.1	21.3	21.9	19.4	17.4	18.2	19.0
Representation in the community ^d	15.9	14.4	16.7	15.4	16.9	16.9	15.4	18.9	15.7
<i>Children with disabilities^f</i>									
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	3.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.0
Representation in the Australian community ^g	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
<i>Children from rural/remote areas^{b, h}</i>									
1995-96	22	21	21	21	15	20	0	42	21
1997-98	21.8	21.7	22.5	21.3	17.5	20.2	0.0	43.6	21.3
Representation in the community ^d	11.7	18.6	23.6	23.6	17.3	27.1	0.3	55.7	17.3

^a Did not include children attending Aboriginal playgroups. ^b Vacation care was included which overlapped children in outside school hours care. ^c Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction. ^d Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^e There was no information on the number of children from single parent families available for mobiles, occasional care neighbourhood model, occasional care, Aboriginal playgroups and vacation care. ^f The number of children with disabilities using child care did not include those children whose parents had a disability. ^g Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction. ^h Did not include occasional care neighbourhood model for which data was not available. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Commonwealth Government unpublished.

Efficiency

Table 12A.16 Commonwealth Government recurrent expenditure on child care services (\$ per hour)^a

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
<i>1995-96</i>								
Centre based long day care	1.95	2.10	2.39	2.22	2.16	1.85	0.93	1.65
Family day care	1.95	2.07	2.34	2.33	3.37	2.32	1.74	2.02
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Outside school hours care ^b	1.04	1.28	1.04	1.35	0.97	1.11	0.60	0.70
Occasional care	4.61	3.65	na	4.21	9.53	6.12	1.92	16.47
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care	1.88	1.89	2.19	1.96	2.05	1.91	1.39	1.91
Family day care	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.79	2.93	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care ^c	7.71	6.81	3.16	6.77	4.42	na	10.99	9.13
Outside school hours care ^b	2.46	2.01	2.43	2.85	2.16	2.65	2.11	2.78
Occasional care	3.85	1.54	2.21	3.77	4.23	2.24	2.06	10.80
Other care	21.97	19.02	na	11.28	16.40	29.72	na	5.05

^a These data excluded expenditure on administration. ^b Disaggregated data were not available for before and after school hours care services. ^c Vacation care data was in days not hours. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.17 Commonwealth Government real recurrent expenditure on child care services (\$ per hour in 1997-98 dollars)^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>1995-96</i>								
Centre based long day care	2.01	2.16	2.47	2.29	2.22	1.90	0.96	1.70
Family day care	2.00	2.13	2.41	2.40	3.47	2.39	1.79	2.09
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Outside school hours care ^b	1.07	1.32	1.07	1.39	1.00	1.14	0.62	0.72
Occasional care	4.75	3.76	na	4.33	9.82	6.30	1.98	16.97
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care	1.88	1.89	2.19	1.96	2.05	1.91	1.39	1.91
Family day care	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.79	2.93	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care ^c	7.71	6.81	3.16	6.77	4.42	na	10.99	9.13
Outside school hours care ^b	2.46	2.01	2.43	2.85	2.16	2.65	2.11	2.78
Occasional care	3.85	1.54	2.21	3.77	4.23	2.24	2.06	10.80
Other care	21.97	19.02	na	11.28	16.40	29.72	na	5.05

^a These data excluded expenditure on administration. ^b Disaggregated data were not available for before and after school hours care services. ^c Vacation care data was in days not hours. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.18 Commonwealth and State and Territory Government recurrent expenditure (\$ per hour)^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>
Centre based long day care	1995-96	1.95	2.10 ^b	2.39	2.22	2.08	1.85	0.90	1.65
	1997-98	2.00	1.89 ^b	2.20	1.99	na	1.99	na	2.39
Family day care	1995-96	1.95	2.07	2.34	2.33 ^c	3.37	2.32	1.74	2.02
	1997-98	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.87	3.10	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	na	na	1.33	0.78 ^d	na	na	0.85	0.49 ^e
Outside school hours care ^f	1995-96	1.04	na	1.04	1.35	0.97	1.11	0.60	0.70
	1997-98	2.46	na	2.43	3.13	2.46	2.65	1.77	2.78
Occasional care	1995-96	na	na	na	4.16	2.46	na	0.32	16.47
	1997-98	1.55	na	2.36	4.10 ^d	na	na	1.55	10.80
Other care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	28.74	19.02	na	11.28	28.38	32.82	na	4.05

^a Commonwealth Government expenditure data did not include administration expenditure. Data were not available for 1996-97. ^b Data does not include State expenditure as only incomplete data was available. ^c Expenditure by the State Government on family day care included costs associated with licensing private home-based carers not attached to a family day care scheme. ^d Refers to funded hours for State administered services, not total number of hours provided by these services. ^e Represents funding between 1 July 1997 and 27 April 1998. ^f Disaggregated data were not available for before school hours care and after school hours care. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.19 Commonwealth and State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure, 1995-96 and 1997-98 (\$ per hour in 1997-98 dollars)^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>
Centre based long day care	1995-96	2.01	2.16 ^b	2.47	2.29	2.14	1.90	0.93	1.70
	1997-98	2.00	1.89 ^b	2.20	1.99	na	1.99	na	2.39
Family day care	1995-96	2.00	2.13	2.41	2.40 ^c	3.47	2.39	1.79	2.09
	1997-98	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.87	3.10	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	na	na	1.33	0.78 ^d	na	na	0.85	0.49 ^e
Outside school hours care ^f	1995-96	1.07	na	1.07	1.39	1.00	1.14	0.62	0.72
	1997-98	2.46	na	2.43	3.13	2.46	2.65	1.77	2.78
Occasional care	1995-96	na	na	na	4.29	2.54	na	0.33	16.97
	1997-98	1.55	na	2.36	4.10 ^d	na	na	1.55	10.80
Other care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	28.74	19.02	na	11.28	28.38	32.82	na	4.05

^a Commonwealth Government expenditure data did not include administration expenditure. Data were not available for 1996-97. ^b Data does not include State expenditure as only incomplete data was available. ^c Expenditure by the State Government on family day care included costs associated with licensing private home-based carers not attached to a family day care scheme. ^d Refers to funded hours for State administered services, not total number of hours provided by these services. ^e Represents funding between 1 July 1997 and 27 April 1998. ^f Disaggregated data were not available for before school hours care and after school hours care. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.20 Out of pocket costs of child care relative to family income, 1993-94^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust^c</i>
Average weekly household expenditure on child care services	32.37	32.19	37.37	19.69	19.84	32.48	38.75	30.49	30.67
Average weekly household income	946.40	877.77	876.70	769.83	822.82	675.18	1030.72	963.03	na

^a Included households with child care costs only. ^b Included households in Darwin only. ^c Included households in the NT outside Darwin. **na** Not available.

Source: ABS (*Household Expenditure Survey, Australia*, Cat. no. 6535.0).

12A.2 Single jurisdiction data

New South Wales

Descriptors

Table 12A.21 **Children and staff included in NSW services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care**

	Unit	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Children				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services ^a	No.	na	na	54 500
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	8 819 ^b	35 428	60 600 ^b
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling	No.	62 965	62 266	44 700 ^c
Younger children	No.	na	na	15 900
Staff				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	na	3 466	2 763
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	276 ^d	49
Other paid staff	FTE	na	0	76
Family day carers	FTE	..	..	..
Unpaid staff	FTE	..	..	..

^a Included children attending occasional care and preschool services only. ^b Excluded children attending vacation care. ^c Did not include children participating in preschool programs in long day care centres. ^d Did not include paid administrative staff in preschools funded by the Department of Education. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.22 **NSW primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1997-98**

	Child care		Preschool ^a	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	1050	55.7	1406	55.1
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	0	0.0	103	4.0
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	605	32.1	825	32.3
Total paid primary contact staff	1886	100.0	2554	100.0

^a Details on qualifications and experience were not available for all primary paid contact staff in preschools. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.23 Description of NSW services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	12 652 ^a	13 200 ^b	1.5 ^c	1.6 ^c	na	na	6.0	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	2 455	2 729	3 500	3.4 ^c	3.6 ^c	3.93 ^c	6.3	6.4	7.5
Other care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	27 196	27 663	23 900	3.7 ^c	3.0 ^c	3.48 ^d	5.9	6.2	9.4 ^e
Preschool (for younger children)	na	na	8 300	na	na	3.48 ^c	na	na	10.1

^a Average number of places throughout the year. ^b Based on adjusted figures for October vacation period. ^c Average fee per hour. ^d Average fee per hour. Referred to Department of Community Services preschools only. ^e Referred to both Department of Community Services and Department of Education and Training preschool services. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.24 NSW Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Administrative expenditure	8 220	9 818	9 051
Other expenditure on service provision:			
Child care	21 188	22 871	23 298
Preschool	68 181	70 643	60 448
Expenditure on assets	6 374 ^a	3 002	8 400 ^a
Income support	0	0	0
<i>Total expenditure</i>	<i>103 963</i>	<i>106 334</i>	<i>101 197</i>

^a Data referred to expenditure on assets for child care only.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.25 NSW proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	na	3.7 ^a
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	9.4	11.9	7.6 ^a
Other care	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	91.9	91.9	5.3 ^b
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

^a Defined as those services that operated more than 40 hours during the sample week. ^b Referred to Department of Education and Training preschool services only. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.26 NSW proportion of attendees of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	10.7	0.7	12.3	2.5	29.5
1996-97	7.6	0.9	11.0	2.6	23.3
1997-98 ^a	7.3	1.0	8.1	4.7	na
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	8.2	2.3	12.2	7.7	43.1
1996-97	8.3	2.1	11.0	8.2	42.8
1997-98	11.2	3.1	11.4	8.9	na
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996 ^b	12.6 ^c	3.3	15.9	6.7 ^d	11.7

^a Data referred to occasional care services only. ^b Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^c Data were obtained from the 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^d Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); NSW Government unpublished.

Efficiency

Table 12A.27 NSW unit cost of State Government recurrent expenditure on children's services (\$)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service			
Preschool	na	1.79 ^a	1.63 ^b

^a Data excluded preschools funded by the Department of Education. ^b Included both preschool for children in the year immediately before commencing full time schooling and younger children. **na** Not available.

Quality

Table 12A.28 NSW number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type, 1997-98

	<i>Number of serious injuries^a</i>	<i>Number of services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
Occasional care	4	171	0.02
Preschool	20	902	0.02

^a Number of potential fatalities and major injuries in the past 12 months, based on valid cases.

Table 12A.29 **NSW number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service, by service type, 1997-98 (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease^a</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
Occasional care	25	171	0.15
Preschool	342	902	0.38

^a Number of children with notifiable infectious disease in funded licensed child care services in the past 12 months.

Victoria

Descriptors

Table 12A.30 **Children and staff included in Victorian services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Children				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services ^a	No.	na	na	na
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services ^a	No.	na	na	na
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling ^b	No.	57 749	59 415	60 101
Staff				
Paid primary contact staff ^c	FTE	1 897	1 920	na
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

^a Victoria collected data on attendances of children at some vacation care, before and after school hours care and occasional care services, not individual children. ^b Data included children attending preschool in a range of settings, including stand alone preschools and long day care centres. Data for 1997-98 was current as at 12 March 1998. ^c Data excluded paid primary contact staff in child care services receiving State Government preschool funding. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.31 **Description of Victorian services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, 1995-96 to 1997-98**

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care ^a	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Family day care	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacation care	7 230 ^b	7 515 ^c	7 425 ^d	75 ^e	75 ^e	75 ^e	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	885 ^c	885 ^f	4.00 ^g	4.00 ^g	4.00 ^h	na	na	na
After school hours care	4 850 ⁱ	4 275 ^c	4 245 ^f	6.00 ^g	6.00 ^g	6.00 ^h	na	na	na
Occasional care	334	325	325 ^j	1.68 ^k	1.66 ^k	2.00 ^l	na	na	na
Other care	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	57 749	59 415	60 101 ^m	9.50 ^{c, n}	9.76 ^{c, n}	1.03 ^l	na	na	na

^a Data was provided by the Commonwealth for State funded TAFE child care services. ^b As at 30 June 1996. ^c As at 30 June 1997. ^d A place was defined as providing a whole day of care. Places included 240 State funded places and 7 185 block grant places. Places as at 27 April 1998. ^e Standard weekly fee in State funded services only. ^f Places as at 27 April 1998. ^g Standard sessional fee. ^h Average weekly fee. As at March 1998. ⁱ Includes before school hours care places. As at 30 June 1997. ^j As at 30 June 1998. ^k Average hourly fee. ^l Median hourly fee paid by most children. ^m Includes children attending funded preschool services in a range of settings, including stand alone preschools and long day care centres. ⁿ The Victorian Government provides a Health Card Grant to services for families on low incomes. This grant was used to reduce the term fee for those families. All fees were voluntary. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.32 Victoria Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Administrative expenditure	3 389	3 496	6 100 ^a
Other expenditure on service provision:			
Child care	5 915	6 971	8 293
Preschool	52 054	54 544	50 076
Expenditure on assets:			
Child care	0	0	na
Preschool	0	7 073	2 809
Income support	0	0	0
<i>Total expenditure</i>	<i>61 358</i>	<i>72 084</i>	<i>na</i>

^a Included additional one off expenditure to finalise new children's services legislation, prepare for implementation and support the sector immediately after implementation. Included administration for all licensed services not just funded services. **na** Not available.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.33 Victoria proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care	..	..	..
Family day care	..	..	..
Vacation care	na	60.0	60.0 ^a
Before school hours care	na	0	3.1 ^b
After school hours care	na	0.9	1.9 ^b
Occasional care	na	na	na
Other care	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	na	na	na

^a Refers to State funded services only. Data not available on Block Grant funded services. ^b Proportion of funded services as at 27 April 1998. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.34 Victoria proportion of attendees of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups

	<i>Children from non-English speaking</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</i>	<i>Children from single parent</i>	<i>Children with</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote</i>
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	na	na	na	na	na
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	na	0.5	na	na	na
1996-97	na	0.4	na	na	na
1997-98	na	0.4	na	na	na
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996	12.6 ^a	0.9 ^b	14.4 ^b	6.7 ^c	18.6 ^b

^a Data were obtained from 1996 Survey Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^b Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^c Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Victorian Government unpublished.

Table 12A.35 Victoria number of substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service 1997-98

	<i>Number</i>
Substantiated complaints	104
Services	3 254
Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service	0.03
Substantiated complaints where formal action was taken:	
Service provider fined	4
Formal warning issued	10
Awaiting to be heard	5

Queensland

The vacation care information is based on a survey of a two week vacation care period with a survey response rate of 63 per cent.

Descriptors

Table 12A.36 **Children and staff included in Queensland services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care, 1995-96 to 1997-98^a**

	Unit	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Children				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	na	na	na
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	7 384	14 203	3 132 ^b
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling	No.	34 397 ^c	40 768	46 078
Younger children	No.	na	9 313	10 972 ^d
Staff^e				
Paid primary contact staff	No.	1 152 ^f	3 100	3 800 ^g
Paid administrative staff	No.	1 034 ^f	969	na
Other paid staff	No.	5 ^f	8	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	No.	na	na	92 ^h

^a Did not include children and staff using unlicensed services under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care program. ^b Represented average daily attendance for a two week vacation care period only. Underestimates the true figure as data were unavailable for other service types. ^c Excluded children attending community kindergartens. ^d Related to community based kindergartens only. ^e No staff information was available for non State preschools. ^f Data excluded paid primary contact staff in child care services receiving only State Government funding. ^g Related to staff in vacation care services for a two week period and community based kindergartens and preschools and Education Queensland preschools. ^h Related to unpaid staff for a two week vacation period. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.37 Description of Queensland services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average weekly fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	7 073	6 509	6 671	na	40.65	51.68	na	17.5	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	1 184	1 168	1 193 ^a	na	2.14 ^b	na	na	7.6	na
Other care	800	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	34 397	38 837	51 405 ^c	0	28.00 ^d	1.75 ^e	12.5	13.1	14.4
Preschool (for younger children)	na	na	12 260 ^c	na	21.00	1.7 ^e	na	11.0	11

^a Licensed capacity. ^b Average hourly fee. ^c Underestimated the true figure as the number of non-state preschool places was not available. ^d Average weekly fee for community based preschools. Education Queensland preschools were free. ^e Average fee per hour for community based preschools and kindergartens. All Education Queensland preschool services are free. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.38 Queensland primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1997-98

	<i>Vacation care^a</i>		<i>Preschool^b</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	236	39.0	1 945	60.9
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full-time work experience ^c	369	61.0	267	8.4
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full-time relevant work experience	na	na	na	na
Total paid primary contact staff	605	100.0	3 195	100.0

^a Data represented average daily attendance for a two week vacation care period. Data was unavailable for the other types of care funded/provided. ^b Data unavailable for staff in non-state preschools. ^c Included the number of paid primary contact staff without a formal qualification for child care and preschool, irrespective of relevant work experience. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.39 Queensland Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	3 700	2 714	5 095 ^a
Preschool	na	3 800	4 089
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	8 132	5 375	5 114
Preschool	na	87 401	97 354
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	3 820	7 459	7 800
Preschool	na	4 920	5 422
Income support	0	0	0
<i>Total expenditure</i>			
<i>Child care</i>	<i>15 652</i>	<i>15 548</i>	<i>22 801^b</i>
<i>Preschool</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>96 121</i>	<i>106 865</i>

^a Different methods were used to calculate administration expenditure on child care services in 1996-97.

^b Includes expenditure on items additional to those listed above. **na** Not available.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.40 Queensland proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	50.0	37.8
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	na	1.7	1.5
Other care	na	9.1	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately	na	na	4.3 ^a
Preschool (for younger children)	na	na	na

^a Related to community based preschools only. Did not include data from Education Queensland due to definitional differences. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.41 Queensland proportion of attendees of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)

	Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Children from single parent families	Children with disabilities	Children from rural/remote areas ^a
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97 ^b	2.1	10.7	na	2.3	33.8
1997-98 ^c	6.3	11.6	na	6.8	65.0
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98 ^d	1.3	4.7	1.0	0.4	10.8
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996	12.6 ^e	5.5 ^f	16.7 ^f	6.7 ^g	23.6 ^f

^a Data was estimated from the number of enrolments in centres in rural and remote areas. ^b Excluded children using services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care program. ^c Represented the enrolments in a two week vacation care period only. Underestimates the true figure as data were unavailable for other service types. ^d Related to community based kindergartens and preschools and children from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds accessing Education Queensland preschools. ^e Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^f Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^g Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Queensland Government unpublished.

Efficiency

Table 12A.42 Queensland efficiency indicators

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service (\$)			
Preschool ^a	na	3.43	3.32

^a Included both preschool for children in the year immediately before commencing full time schooling and younger children. **na** Not available.

Quality

Table 12A.43 Queensland number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type 1997-98

	<i>Number of serious injuries</i>	<i>Number of services^a</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
Centre based long day care	27	912	0.03
Family day care	5	114	0.04

^a Data from Commonwealth census of child care.

Table 12A.44 Queensland number of substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service, by service type 1997-98

	<i>Substantiated complaints^a</i>	<i>Services^b</i>	<i>Complaints per service</i>
	No.	No.	No.
Centre based long day care	106	912	0.12
Family day care	8	114	0.07

^a All complaints resulted in some other action being taken, including official warnings. ^b Data from Commonwealth census of child care.

Western Australia

Descriptors

Table 12A.45 **Children and staff included in WA services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care**

	Unit	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	na	na	na
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services ^a	No.	na	na	na
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling	No.	20 926	20 244	20 872
Younger children	No.	na	9 407	22 122
Staff				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	1 438 ^b	1 834	1 896 ^c
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	66 ^d	59 ^c
Other paid staff	No.	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

^a WA collected data on attendances of children at some vacation care services, not individual children.

^b Excluded paid primary contact staff in preschools funded by the Department of Family and Children's Services. ^c Excluded paid primary contact staff in some vacation care services. ^d Excluded paid administrative staff in preschools funded by the Department of Education. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.46 Description of WA services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	9 630	9 850	na	100 ^a	na	na	50	50
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	20 926	20 244	20 872	na	0.23 ^b	0.23 ^b	15.5	17.2	22.1
Preschool (for younger children)	na	16 245	22 122	na	5.00 ^c	5.00 ^c	na	5.5	4.7

^a Average weekly fee. ^b Average weekly fee. Children attending Education Department preschools may make a voluntary contribution of \$9 per year (\$0.23 per week). ^c Average weekly fee in Department of Family and Children's Services preschools only. Department of Education preschools charge an average fee of \$1.00 per week. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.47 WA primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1997-98

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	na	na	948	na
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full-time work experience	na	na	na	na
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification of the equivalent of three years full-time relevant work experience	na	na	na	na
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>

na Not available.

Table 12A.48 WA Government expenditure on children's services, 1995-96 to 1997-98 (\$'000)

	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	671 ^a	701 ^a	754
Preschool ^b	698	728	784
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care ^c	1 795	1 719	1 457
Preschool ^b	5 525	4 971	3 430
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	201	552	19
Preschool ^b	0.3	0.2	0
Income support	0	0	0
<i>Total expenditure</i>			
<i>Child care</i>	<i>2 667</i>	<i>2 972</i>	<i>2 230</i>
<i>Preschool^b</i>	<i>6 223</i>	<i>5 701</i>	<i>4 214</i>

^a Different methods were used to calculate administrative expenditure on child care services between 1995-96 and 1996-97. Administrative expenditure also included the costs of licensing private home based carers not attached to a family day care scheme. ^b Excluded expenditure on preschools funded by the Department of Education. ^c Included funding for the Child Care Services Board and grants to services from the Lotteries Commission.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.49 WA proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	50.0	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0
Other care	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	na	43.3 ^a	18.7 ^a
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

^a Included preschool services for younger children. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.50 WA proportion of attendees of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	na	na	na	na	na
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	na	7.7 ^a	na	na	na
1996-97	na	7.6 ^a	na	1.1 ^b	na
1997-98	na	6.9 ^a	na	1.2 ^b	na
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996	12.6 ^c	5.3 ^d	15.4 ^d	6.7 ^e	23.6 ^d

^a Did not include non-government preschools or younger children attending preschool. ^b Excluded preschools funded by the Department of Family and Children's Services. ^c Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^d Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^e Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Western Australian Government unpublished.

Efficiency

Table 12A.51 **WA unit cost of State Government recurrent expenditure on children's services (\$)**

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service</i>			
Preschool ^a	na	4.18	2.62

^a Excluded preschools funded by the Department of Education. **na** Not available.

Quality

Table 12A.52 **WA number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type, 1997-98 (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services^a</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
Centre based long day care	4	353	0.01
Family day care	2	20	0.10

^a Data from Commonwealth Census of Child Care.

South Australia

Descriptors

Table 12A.53 **Children and staff included in SA services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Children				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	na	na	na
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services ^a	No.	3 532	9 056	na
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling	No.	18 365	18 423	18 199
Younger children	No.	4 983	4 540	4 703
Staff				
Paid primary contact staff				
Child care ^b	No.	na	290	na
Preschool	FTE	na	948	na
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

^a Data referred to some children attending some centre based long day care, vacation care and occasional care services. ^b Data referred to total paid employees. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.54 Description of SA services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care	214	470	na	na	0	na	na	50	na
Family day care	0	0	na	0	0	na	0	0	na
Vacation care	3 489	3 134	na	na	90.00 ^a	na	na	34.7	na
Before school hours care	0	0	na	0	0	na	0	0	na
After school hours care	0	0	na	0	0	na	0	0	na
Occasional care	3 028	3 810	na	3 ^b	1.00 ^b	na	3.0	3	na
Other care	0	0	na	0	0.50 ^a	na	0	0	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	18 365	18 423	18 199	na	3.70 ^a	3.70 ^a	11.0	11.0	11.0
Preschool (for younger children)	4 983	4 540	4703	na	1.00 ^a	0.23 ^c	2.6	2.6	0.7 ^d

^a Average weekly fee (voluntary contribution). ^b Average hourly fee. ^c Average hourly fee (was a voluntary contribution). ^d Pre-entry program provides one session of preschool for 10 weeks in the year before preschool. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.55 SA Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Administrative expenditure	na	3 174	3 077
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	na	8 605	8 762
Preschool	na	41 338	43 366
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	na	3 234	1 419
Preschool	na	1 643	210
Income support	na	0	na
Total expenditure	na	57 994	56 834

na Not available.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.56 SA proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care	na	0	na
Family day care	0	0	na
Vacation care	0	0	na
Before school hours care	0	0	na
After school hours care	0	0	na
Occasional care	na	0	na
Other care	0	0	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately)	na	78.1 ^a	77.3 ^a
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

^a Included preschool services for younger children. na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Table 12A.57 **SA proportion of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	12.1	8.8	na	na	27.2
1996-97	5.2	1.5	na	na	17.5
1997-98	na	na	na	na	na
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	8.2	4.2	17.1	13.4	34.3
1996-97	8.2	4.5	na	na	34.1
1997-98	8.4	4.3	15.5	11.9	33.3
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996	12.6 ^a	2.8 ^b	16.9 ^b	6.7 ^c	27.1 ^b

^a Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^b Data were obtained from the 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^c Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); South Australian Government unpublished.

Tasmania

Descriptors

Table 12A.58 **Children and staff included in Tasmania services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Children				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	na	na	5 310 ^a
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services ^b	No.	na	na	6 561
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling	No.	5 781 ^c	6 013 ^d	5 758 ^e
Staff				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	146.2 ^c	148.2 ^d	146.2 ^e
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

^a Based on responses by 75 per cent of services. ^b Data referred to some children attending vacation and occasional care services. ^c As at August 1996. ^d As at August 1997. ^e As at August 1998. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.59 Description of Tasmania services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98^a</i>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	3.23 ^b	0	0	10.1 ^c
Family day care	0	0	na	0	0	na	0	0	na
Vacation care	566	577	180	na	27	3.24 ^b	na	na	3.4 ^d
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	504	na	338	na	na	3.15 ^b	na	na	5.8 ^e
Other care	0	0	725	0	0	4.28 ^b	0	0	1.8 ^f
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	5 781 ^g	6 013 ^h	5 758 ⁱ	na	na	na	10	10	10
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

^a Average weekly hours. ^b Average hourly fees. ^c 50 per cent of services did not respond to this item. ^d 33 per cent of services did not respond to this item. ^e 12 per cent of services did not respond to this item. ^f 45 per cent of services did not respond to this item. ^g As at August 1996. ^h As at August 1997. ⁱ As at August 1998. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 12A.60 Tasmania primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1997-98

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	252	28.8	na	na
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full-time work experience	228	26.1	na	na
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full-time relevant work experience	na	na	na	na
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>875</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>

na Not available.

Table 12A.61 Tasmania Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	na	na	515
Preschool	na	na	na
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	na	na	1
Preschool	na	na	na
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na
Income support	na	na	na
<i>Total expenditure</i>			
<i>Child care</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>1 583</i>
<i>Preschool</i>	<i>11 676^a</i>	<i>12 262^b</i>	<i>na</i>

^a As at August 1996. ^b As at August 1997. na Not available.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.62 Tasmania proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care	0	0	2.9
Family day care	0	0	na
Vacation care	na	0	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	na
Other care	0	0	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	na	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Table 12A.63 Tasmania proportion of attendees of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	2.9	1.1	na	0.2	na
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	na	4.8 ^a	na	na	41.7
1996-97	na	5.1 ^b	na	na	41.3
1997-98	na	5.8 ^c	na	na	42.8
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996	12.6 ^d	5.4 ^e	16.9 ^e	6.7 ^f	27.1 ^e

^a As at August 1996. ^b As at August 1997. ^c As at August 1998. ^d Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^e Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^f Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. na Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Tasmanian Government unpublished.

Australian Capital Territory

Descriptors

Table 12A.64 **Children and staff included in ACT services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Children				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	na	na	1 538
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	2 807	2 278	2 156
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling	No.	4 216	3 894	3 857
Younger children	No.	na	387	143
Staff				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE ^a	282	305.6	293.6
Paid administrative staff	FTE ^a	17	19.1	14.4
Other paid staff	FTE ^a	9	5.5	6.8
Family day carers	FTE ^a	0	0	0
Unpaid staff	FTE ^a	0	0	5

^a Full-time equivalent staff numbers were based on the following definitions: centre based long day care — 10 hours per day; occasional care — 8 hours per day; vacation care — 10 hours per day; preschool — 36.5 hours per week. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.65 Description of ACT services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care	81	76	0	162 ^a	140 ^a	na	na	37	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0	na	0	0	0
Vacation care	570	617	569	100 ^a	90 ^a	95	na	24	24.8
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	na	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	na	0	0	0
Occasional care	399	376	376	na	3 ^b	3.39 ^b	na	8	7.7 ^c
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	4 595	4 599	4 450	4.5 ^{a, d}	4 ^{a, d}	na	11	10.5	10.5
Preschool (for younger children)	na	387	66	na	2 ^{a, d}	na	na	5.5	5.5

^a Average weekly fee. ^b Average hourly fee. ^c This figure excluded Commonwealth or block funded occasional care. ^d Preschool contributions were voluntary. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.66 ACT primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1997-98

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	84	37.7	112	51.4
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full-	52	23.3	100	45.9
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years	87	39.0	6	2.8
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>223</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Table 12A.67 ACT Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	na	405	430
Preschool	na	221	283 ^a
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	na	1 991	1 483
Preschool	na	7 366	7 151
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	na	728	25 ^b
Preschool	na	744	332 ^b
Income support	na	0	0
<i>Total expenditure</i>			
<i>Child care</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>3 125</i>	<i>1 937</i>
<i>Preschool</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>8 331</i>	<i>7 766</i>

^a Preschool administration salaries. ^b Expenditure on assets was an estimate as no breakdown was available. **na** Not available.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.68 ACT proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care	na	50	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	na	9.1
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	na	23	36.4
Other care	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately	5	na	0
Preschool (for younger children)	na	na	0

na Not available.

Table 12A.69 ACT proportion of attendees of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups

	<i>Children from non-English speaking</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</i>	<i>Children from single parent</i>	<i>Children with</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote</i>
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	7.8	1.0	7.8	7.5	na
1996-97	10.7	0.7	na	1.8	0
1997-98	11.9	0.6	na	2.2	0
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	6.0	1.6	21.3	4.8	0.5
1996-97	8.5	2.1 ^a	na	6.8	0.5
1997-98	7.9	1.4	na	7.3	0.7
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996	12.6 ^b	1.9 ^c	15.4 ^c	6.7 ^d	0.3 ^c

^a Included children attending Early entry program and Mainstream program. ^b Data were obtained from the 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^c Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^d Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Australian Capital Territory Government unpublished.

Quality

Table 12A.70 ACT, notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service, by service type (number)

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
Preschool	1	82	0.01

Table 12A.71 ACT incidence of non-compliance with regulations (number)

	<i>Total substantiated complaints</i>			<i>Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
All licensed child care and preschool services	na	137	3 ^a	na	0.116	0.037

^a Figure for 1997-98 is lower due to change in definition. **na** Not available.

Efficiency

Table 12A.72 ACT unit cost of State Government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service</i>			
Preschool ^a	na	4.28	4.28

^a Included all preschool expenditure — unable to split between expenditure for preschools for children in the year immediately prior to commencing full time schooling and preschool for younger children. **na** Not available.

Northern Territory

Descriptors

Table 12A.73 Children and staff included in NT services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	Unit	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Children				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	na	na	273 ^a
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	No.	na	na	2 221 ^b
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
In the year prior to commencement of full-time schooling	No.	3 243 ^c	3 237 ^d	3 535 ^e
Staff				
f				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	na	na	102 ^f
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	0	0	0
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	24 ^g

^a Referred to children attending three year old kindy. Not available for vacation care. ^b Data referred to children attending block funded vacation care and three year old kindy services. ^c As at 1 August 1995. ^d As at August 1996. ^e Data for the calendar year ending 1997. ^f Referred to preschool services only as there were no FTE employees in NT Government supported child care services. ^g Data referred to three year old kindy only. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.74 Description of NT services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>No.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	850	1948	na	75 ^a	64	na	0.2	39.9 ^b
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other care	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0	10.3 ^b
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	3 580 ^c	4 050 ^d	4780 ^e	na	na	0	na	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na

^a Average weekly fee. ^b No sample week data available; figures represent best information based on number of places and number of hours available for each service type. ^c As at August 1995. ^d As at August 1996. ^e As at August 1997. **na** Not available.

Table 12A.75 NT primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1997-98

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	7 ^a	77.8	102	100.0
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full-time work experience	1	11.1	0	0
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification of the equivalent nor three years full-time relevant work experience	1	11.1	0	0
<i>Total paid primary contact staff</i>	<i>9^a</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>100.0</i>

^a Data were provided only for 'other' (3 year old Kindy), data were not available for vacation care.

Table 12A.76 NT Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	186	291	242
Preschool	na	na	1 831 ^a
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	989	1 238	2 609
Preschool	na	na	11 765 ^a
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	150	673	520
Preschool	na	na	1 892 ^a
Income support	0	0	0
<i>Total expenditure</i>			
<i>Child care</i>	<i>1 325</i>	<i>2 202</i>	<i>3 371</i>
<i>Preschool</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>10 188</i>	<i>15 488^a</i>

^a Data was for 1997-98 financial year (attendance figures were for calendar year 1997). **na** Not available.

Effectiveness

Table 12A.77 NT proportion of child care services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care, and proportion of preschool services offering the option of full day or part day services (per cent)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0
Other care	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full-time schooling)	0	0	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Table 12A.78 NT proportion of attendees of services not included in Health and Family Services' Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)

	Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Children from single parent families	Children with disabilities	Children from rural/remote areas
<i>Representation in attendees of child care services</i>					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98 ^a	7.3	0	4.0	0	20.1
<i>Representation in attendees of preschool services</i>					
1995-96	na	33.0	na	na	26.8
1996-97	na	32.2	na	na	26.9
1997-98 ^b	na	35.7	na	na	30.4
<i>Representation in community</i>					
1996	12.6 ^c	35.9 ^d	18.9 ^d	6.7 ^e	55.7 ^d

^a Data referred to 3 year old Kindy services only. ^b Data referred to calendar year ending 1997. ^c Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. ^d Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. ^e Data were obtained from the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Australian average was used as data was not available by jurisdiction. na Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, Cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished; *Child Care, Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, Cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); Northern Territory Government unpublished.

Quality

Table 12A.79 NT number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type, 1997-98

	<i>Number of serious injuries</i>	<i>Number of services^a</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
Centre based long day care	34	42	0.8
Family day care	5	10	0.5

^a Data from Commonwealth Census of Child Care.

Table 12A.80 NT incidence of non-compliance with regulations, 1995-96 to 1997-98

	<i>Complaints</i>								
	<i>Total complaints and alleged breaches</i>			<i>Complaints per registered or licensed service^a</i>					
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98			
Centre based long day care ^b	18	31	15	0.4	0.6	na			

	<i>Action taken</i>											
	<i>Provider fined</i>			<i>Provider license suspended</i>			<i>Provider license revoked</i>			<i>Other action</i>		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Centre based long day care ^b	0	..	..	0	0	0	0	18	31	15

^a Included alleged breaches. ^b Included multifunctional Aboriginal children's services. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

12A.3 Definitions

Table 12A.81 Terminology

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Approved	Preschool care that meets State and Territory Government licensing requirements (where such requirements exist)
Centre based long day care	Child care services provided at a centre, usually by qualified staff. Age appropriate development programs and curricula are provided
Child care	Care provided to a child by a person other than the child's parent or guardian
Children	All resident male and female Australians aged 12 years and younger as at 30 June of each year
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	Children living in situations where the main language spoken is not English
Children's services	All government funded and/or provided child care and preschool services (unless otherwise stated)
Disability related care	Care of children who had a developmental delay or disability (including intellectual, sensory or physical impairment) or parent(s) with a disability
Family day care	Care provided for children in the carer's own home. It is largely aimed at 0–5 year olds, but primary school children may also receive care before and after school and during school vacations. Central coordination units in all States and Territories organise and support a network of carers.
Formal child care	Organised care provided by a person other than the child's parent or guardian usually outside of the child's home — for example, centre based long day care, family day care, outside school hours care, vacation care and occasional care (not including baby sitting)
Formal qualifications	Early childhood related teaching degree (three or four years), a child care certificate or associate diploma (two years), and/or other relevant qualifications (for example, a diploma or degree in child care [three years or more], a basic child care certificate [1 year], primary teaching, other teaching, nursing [including mothercraft nursing], psychology and social work)
Government funded or/and provided	All government financed services; that is, services that received government contributions towards providing a specified service (including private services receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate) and/or services for which the government had primary responsibility for delivery

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Table 12A.81 (Continued)

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Income support	Any form of fee relief paid by governments to the users of children's services (for example, Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate)
Informal child care	Child care arrangements provided privately (for example, by friends, relatives, nannies) for which no government assistance was provided other than the Commonwealth's Childcare Cash Rebate. It was unregulated in most States and Territories.
Nonstandard hours of care	Nonstandard hours of care by service type were defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centre based long day care — services providing care for more than 10 hours a day on Monday to Friday and/or providing care on weekends; • family day care — services providing care for more than 10 hours a day on Monday to Friday and/or providing care overnight and/or on weekends; • vacation care — services providing care for more than 10 hours a day; • before school hours care — services providing care for more than two hours before school; • after school care — services providing care for more than three hours after school; • occasional care — services providing care for more than eight hours a day; and • other — services providing care for more than 10 hours a day.
Notifiable outbreaks of disease	Situations where the relevant health department was notified
Occasional care	Child care usually provided at a centre on an hourly or sessional basis for short periods of time or at irregular intervals specifically for parents who need time to attend appointments, take care of personal matters, undertake casual and part-time employment, study, or have temporary respite from full-time parenting. These services are usually delivered by qualified staff and provide developmental activities for children.
Operational place	A licensed place (where a licensing system exists, or in receipt of government funding where not licensed) and able to accept children as at 30 June each year
Other care	Government funded services to support children with additional needs or in particular situations (including children from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, children from non-English speaking backgrounds, children with a disability or of parents with a disability, and children living in remote and rural areas). It includes: multifunctional services; multifunctional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's services; mobiles; and toy libraries.
Other expenditure on service provision	Continuing payments to funded and/or provided services and one-off, noncapital payments to peak agencies

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Table 12A.81 (Continued)

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Outside school hours care	Care provided for school aged children (5–12 years old) outside school hours during term and vacations. Care may be provided on student free days and when school finishes early.
Preschools	Services usually provided by a qualified teacher on a sessional basis in dedicated preschools. Preschool programs or curriculum may also be provided in long day care centres and other settings.
Primary contact staff	Staff whose primary function is to provide care and/or preschool services to children
Real expenditure	Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices. Adjustments were made using the GDP (E) price deflator, and expressed in terms of final year prices.
Rural and remote areas	Areas defined as per the 1994 Human Services and Health and Department of Primary Industry and Energy publication, <i>Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification 1991 Census Edition</i> . This publication assigned a measure of remoteness to each statistical local area (SLA) in Australia. Attachment A contains a list showing the classification assigned to each SLA by State and Territory. Jurisdictions were able to use this table to establish the total number of rural and remote places receiving State or Territory Government funding only.
Serious injury	Injury requiring a visit to (or by) a doctor or hospitalisation
Service	A certain type of activity, such as long day care. A location may offer a number of services, such as both preschool and occasional care services. Services might have been offered at a number of locations, such as after school hours care at different locations.
Service type	The categories for which data were collected, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centre based long day care; • family day care; • vacation care; • outside school hours care; • occasional care; • 'other' care; and • preschools
Substantiated complaint	A substantiated complaint is an expression of concern, regarding a child care or preschool service made orally, in writing or in person, which constitutes a failure by the services to abide by the State or Territory legislation, regulations or conditions. This concern is investigated and subsequently proven.
Vacation care	Care for school age children over vacation periods only

Table 12A.82 Descriptors

<i>Descriptor</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Administration expenditure	Direct salaries associated with providing the following support services: licensing, advice, policy development, grants administration and training. Administration expenditure should have been limited to that proportion of expenditure spent on government funded and/or provided services.
Expenditure on assets	Expenditure on major and minor capital works. Expenditure spent on leasing equipment was included as administrative expenditure.
Full time equivalent staff numbers (FTE)	Numbers of staff working standard hours in a working week
Recurrent expenditure	Continuing payments for funded and/or provided services and one-off, noncapital payments to peak agencies. Administration expenditure was not included.

Table 12A.83 Indicators

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Proportion of services providing nonstandard hours of care	The number of services providing nonstandard hours of care divided by the total number of services, by service type. Results were presented separately for child care and preschool services.
Proportion of special needs groups using services relative to their population proportions	The number of children from special needs groups using children's services divided by the total number of children using children's services. Results were presented separately for child care and preschool services with special needs groups divided into children from a non-English speaking background, children from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island background, children from single parent families, children with disabilities and children from remote or rural areas. These were compared with their representation in the community.
Serious injuries sustained / notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service	The total number of serious injuries sustained by children and total number of notifiable outbreaks of disease divided by the total number of registered or licensed services
Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service	The number of substantiated complaints divided by the total number of registered or licensed services. Results were presented separately by service type with complaints divided into total substantiated complaints and complaints against which formal action was taken (service provider being fined, service provider having licence suspended, service provider having licence revoked and some other action taken).
Out of pocket costs relative to family income for children's services	The average amount paid for child care per week divided by the average weekly income of families with children in care

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Table 12A.83 (Continued)

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service	Total government recurrent funding on children's services divided by the total hours of care provided by services receiving government funding
Administrative expenditure as a proportion of total government expenditure	Total government administrative expenditure divided by total government expenditure