
15 Protection and support services

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

This chapter reports on:

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

Improvements to the reporting of protection and support services this year include:

- five jurisdictions reporting performance data for the 'safety in out-of-home care' effectiveness indicator, compared with two previously
- seven jurisdictions reporting performance data for the two child protection 'response time' effectiveness indicators, compared with six previously
- all jurisdictions reporting for the efficiency indicator 'out-of-home care expenditure per placement night', compared with seven previously
- for the first time, performance data are included for six juvenile justice performance indicators and performance indicator boxes are included for a further seven performance indicators.

15.1 Profile of child protection and out-of-home care services

Service overview

Child protection services

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

- receiving and responding to reports of concern about children or young people, including investigation and assessment where appropriate
- providing support services (directly or through referral), where harm or a risk of significant harm is identified, to strengthen the capacity of families to care safely for children
- initiating intervention where necessary, including applying for a care and protection order through a court and, in some situations, placing children or young people in out-of-home care to secure their safety
- ensuring the ongoing safety of children and young people by working with families to resolve protective concerns
- working with families to reunite children (who were removed for safety reasons) with their parents as soon as possible (in some jurisdictions, restoration may occur in voluntary placements as well)
- securing permanent out-of-home care when it is determined that a child is unable to be returned to the care of his or her parents, and working with young people to identify alternative supported living arrangements where family reunification is not possible.

Research suggests that children and families who come into contact with the protection and support services system often share common social and demographic characteristics. Families with low incomes or that are reliant on pensions and benefits, those that experience alcohol and substance abuse, or a psychiatric disability, and those that have a family history of domestic violence are over-represented in the families that come into contact with the protection and support services system (Department of Human Services 2002; The Allen Consulting Group 2008).

Child protection concerns and Indigenous communities

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

Out-of-home care services

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

Out-of-home care services comprise home-based care (for example, foster care, care with a child's extended family or other home-based arrangements), facility-based care (for example, community residential care) or independent living (which is often intensively supported) as a transition to full independence or supported placements. Across jurisdictions, there has been a shift away from the use of facility-based (or residential) care towards foster care and other forms of home-based care, including relative/kinship care.

Intensive family support services are increasingly perceived as an alternative to the removal of a child from his or her home for child protection reasons (box 15.1).

Box 15.1 Intensive family support services

Intensive family support services are specialist services, established in each jurisdiction, that aim to:

- prevent the imminent separation of children from their primary caregivers as a result of child protection concerns
- reunify families where separation has already occurred.

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Intensive family support services differ from other types of child protection and family support services referred to in this chapter, in that they:

- are funded or established explicitly to prevent the separation of, or to reunify, families
- provide a range of services as part of an integrated strategy focusing on improving family functioning and skills, rather than providing a single type of service
- are intensive in nature, averaging at least four hours of service provision per week for a specified short term period (usually less than six months)
- generally receive referrals from a child protection service.

Intensive family support services may use some or all of the following strategies: assessment and case planning; parent education and skill development; individual and family counselling; anger management; respite and emergency care; practical and financial support; mediation, brokerage and referral services; and training in problem solving.

Expenditure on intensive family support services

Recurrent expenditure on intensive family support services across all jurisdictions was \$254.5 million in 2008-09. This expenditure has increased in real terms each year from \$71.7 million in 2004-05 (table 15A.26). This represents an average annual increase in expenditure of 37.2 per cent over this four year period. Tables 15A.26–29 provide additional information about families and children who were involved with intensive family support services, including the cost of providing these services per child commencing intensive family support services.

Child protection treatment and support services

A complementary suite of services not currently included in this Report, but intended for inclusion in future Reports, are known as child protection treatment and support services. These services target at-risk families where there are concerns about the safety and wellbeing of children. They may be less intensive in nature and include services that strengthen family relationships in response to concerns about the welfare of a child and may focus on either early intervention or reunification support.

Child protection treatment and support services provide educational services, clinical services including counselling, group work and other therapeutic interventions, and domestic violence services.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), with the support of State and Territory governments, is studying the feasibility of a national data collection for child protection treatment and support services.

Source: AIHW (unpublished).

Roles and responsibilities

State and Territory governments fund child protection, out-of-home care, family support (including intensive family support) and other relevant services (see box 15.2 for responsible State and Territory government departments during 2008-09). These services may be delivered by the government or the non-government sector. State and Territory departments responsible for child protection investigate and assess reports, provide, or refer families to, support services, and intervene where necessary (including making court applications when an order is required to protect a child, and placing children in out-of-home care).

Box 15.2 Child protection and out-of-home care services

<i>NSW</i>	Department of Community Services (DOCS) (now the Department of Human Services)
<i>VIC</i>	Department of Human Services (DHS)
<i>QLD</i>	QLD Department of Child Safety (DCS) (now the Department of Communities)
<i>WA</i>	Department for Child Protection (DCP)
<i>SA</i>	Department for Families and Communities (DFC)
<i>TAS</i>	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
<i>ACT</i>	Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services (DHCS)
<i>NT</i>	Department of Health and Families (DHF)

Other areas of government also have roles in child protection and provide services for children who have come into contact with relevant departments for protective reasons. These include:

- police services, which investigate serious allegations of child abuse and neglect, particularly criminal matters, and may also work on child protection assessments with State and Territory departments responsible for child protection
- courts, which decide whether a child will be placed on an order
- education and child care services, which provide services for these children and also conduct mandatory reporting and protective behaviours education in some jurisdictions
- health services, which support the assessment of child protection matters and deliver therapeutic, counselling and other services.

A range of appointments, schemes and charters have been introduced by jurisdictions in recent years, to enable additional protection for clients of child protection systems. Examples of these are listed in box 15.3.

Box 15.3 Initiatives to enable additional protection for clients

- NSW* The Commission for Children and Young People initiates and influences broad and positive change for children and young people. The Office of the Children's Guardian promotes the best interests and rights of all children in out-of-home care, through accreditation and monitoring of out-of-home care agencies to ensure services are of the highest standard.
- VIC* The Child Safety Commissioner promotes child safe practices and environments across the community through a charter of rights for children in care. Part of the Commissioner's role is to monitor the quality of out-of-home care services.
- QLD* The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian has a range of legislated functions designed to oversee children's wellbeing in the child protection system. One of these enables Community Visitors to regularly visit children in out-of-home care to independently assess their safety and wellbeing. The Department of Communities has a complaints management system so that clients, family members, advocates and members of the Queensland public can raise enquiries, concerns, or complaints about their contact and interactions with the department.
- WA* The Advocate for Children in Care provides advocacy and complaints management services for children and young people in care. The Department's Complaints Management Unit is available to all customers. Formal monitoring of protection and care service standards by a Standards Monitoring Unit began on 1 July 2007. Seventeen Districts are monitored on a two-year cycle and the monitoring regime will be extended across all placement service providers commencing 1 July 2010.
- SA* The Office of the Guardian monitors and assesses care, advocates for, and advises on, the circumstances and needs of children and systemic issues affecting the quality of out-of-home care.
- TAS* The Commissioner for Children's functions include promoting the rights and wellbeing of children, examining the policies, practices and services provided for children and any laws affecting the health, welfare, care, protection and development of children.

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ACT The Public Advocate of the ACT monitors the provision of services, and protects and advocates for the rights of children and young people. Systemic issues are referred by the Public Advocate to the Commissioner for Children and Young People. The Commissioner consults with and promotes the interests of children. The Official Visitor's role is to visit and inspect places of care, of detention or therapeutic protection, and receive and inquire about complaints made concerning the care provided to children and young people at these locations. In addition, an ACT Charter of Rights for children and young people in out-of-home care was launched in November 2009. The Charter is consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the ACT Human Rights Act 2004, and the Children and Young People Act 2008, all of which emphasise the basic human rights to which children and young people are entitled.

NT Provisions for the new Care and Protection of Children Act 2007 commenced in 2008 and included establishment of a Children's Commissioner to investigate complaints and oversight administration of the Act, enhanced regulations of children's services, establishment of a Child Deaths Review and Prevention Committee, and additional support for children leaving care.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

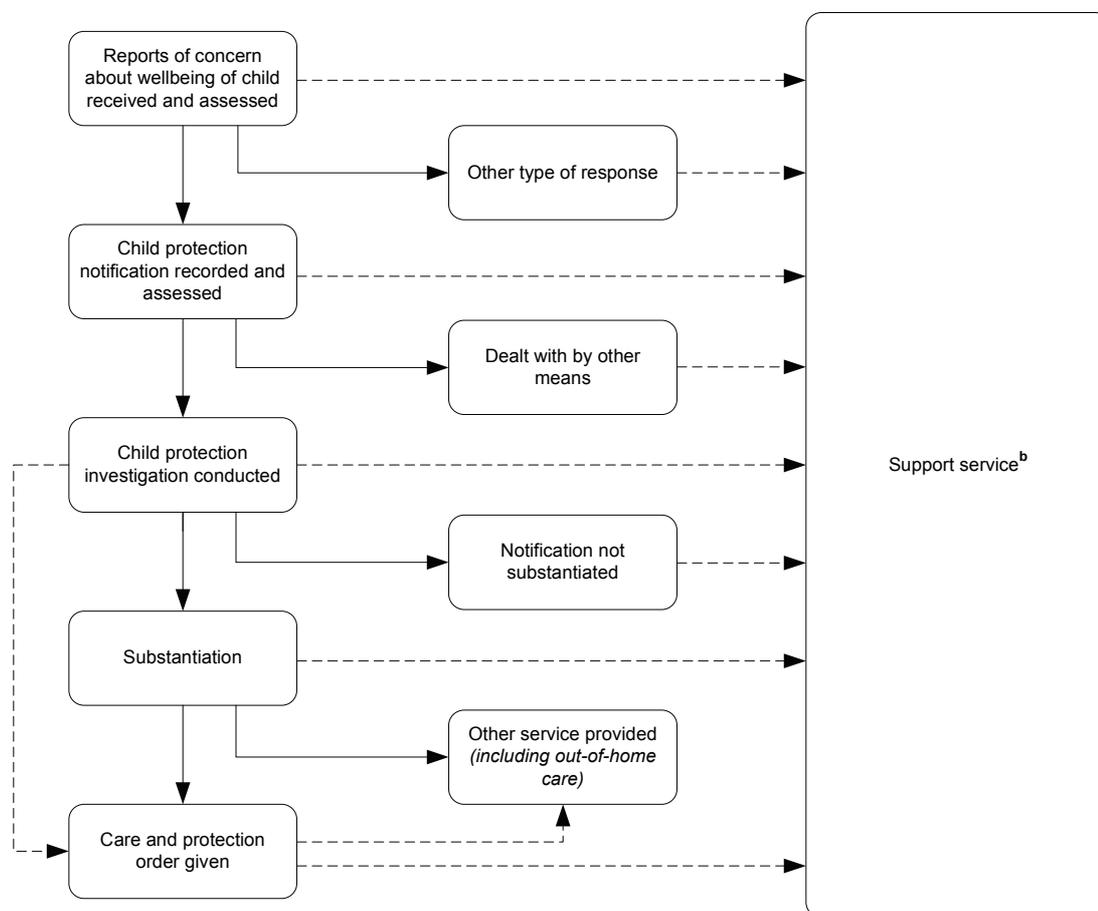
Size and scope

The child protection system

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

State and Territory departments with responsibility for child protection are advised of concerns about the wellbeing of children through reports to these departments. Reports may be made by people mandated to report or by other members of the community. Individuals and organisations mandated to report vary across states and territories, and may include medical practitioners, police services, school teachers and principals. These reports are assessed and classified as child protection notifications, child concern reports, or matters requiring some other kind of response. The most common source of notifications in 2008-09 in all jurisdictions were the police. The second most common source of notifications varied across jurisdictions and included social workers and school personnel (AIHW 2010).

Figure 15.1 The child protection system^a



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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Notification

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

Most jurisdictions assesses incoming reports to determine whether they meet the threshold for recording a notification. Notifications are subsequently investigated based on the policies and practices in each jurisdiction. Once it has been decided that an investigation is required, the investigation process is similar across jurisdictions. The department responsible for child protection may obtain further information about the child and his or her family by checking information systems for any previous history, undertaking discussion with agencies and individuals,

interviewing/sighting the child and/or interviewing the caregivers/parents. At a minimum, the child is sighted whenever practicable, and the child's circumstances and needs are assessed. Where possible, an investigation determines whether a notification is substantiated or not substantiated (figure 15.1).

Rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations are calculated for children aged 0–16 years, given differences across jurisdictions' in legislation, policies and practices regarding children aged 17 years. Rates of children on care and protection orders and in out-of-home care are calculated for children aged 0–17 years.

Nationally, 204 463 children aged 0–16 years were the subject of child protection notifications in 2008-09. The rate of notifications per 1000 children in the population aged 0–16 years was 43.1 in 2008-09 (table 15A.8). The total number of notifications for each jurisdiction for 2008-09 (including cases where a child is the subject of more than one child protection notification) by Indigenous status of the child is reported in table 15A.5.

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

Substantiation

The legal definition of harm or risk of harm, abuse or risk of abuse are similar across jurisdictions. Traditionally, child protection legislation and policy focused on the identification and investigation of narrowly defined incidents that were broadly grouped as types of abuse or neglect. Across all jurisdictions, the focus has now shifted away from the actions of parents and guardians, toward the desired outcomes for the child, the identification and investigation of actual and/or likely harm or risk to the child, and the child's needs. While the legal criteria for substantiating such matters are now similar across jurisdictions, there remain some differences in practice, including different thresholds for recording a substantiation related to risk of harm.

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

Nationally, 32 478 children aged 0–16 years were the subject of a substantiation in 2008-09. The rate of children who were the subject of a substantiation per 1000 children in the population aged 0–16 years was 6.9 (table 15A.8). The number and rate of children aged 0–16 years who were the subject of a substantiation has fluctuated since 2004-05. Nationally, 33 871 children were the subject of a substantiation in 2004-05. This represented a rate of 7.5 per 1000 children in the population aged 0–16 years (SCRGSP 2006).

Nationally, 8135 Indigenous and 24 343 non-Indigenous children were the subject of a substantiation in 2008-09. The rate of children who were the subject of a substantiation per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–16 years was 36.8 for Indigenous children and 5.4 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.8).

Care and protection orders

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

Nationally, 35 409 children aged 0–17 years were on care and protection orders at 30 June 2009. The rate of children on care and protection orders per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years was 7.0 (table 15A.8). The number and rate of children aged 0–17 years who were the subject of a care and protection order has increased since 2004-05. At 30 June 2005, 24 075 children were the subject of a care and protection order, which represented a rate of 4.8 per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years (AIHW 2010).

Nationally, 10 271 Indigenous and 25 138 non-Indigenous children were on care and protection orders at 30 June 2009. The rate of children on care and protection orders per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 43.8 for Indigenous children and 5.2 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.8).

Further information regarding children on care and protection orders is included in the attachment tables. Table 15A.6 identifies the number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2008-09. Table 15A.7 identifies the number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status at 30 June 2009.

Out-of-home care

Out-of-home care is one of a range of services provided to children and families where there is a need to provide safe care for a child. Children are placed in out-of-home care as a last resort when it is not in their best interests to remain with their family (for example, because they are not safe or because no one is able or willing to provide care). Where children are placed in out-of-home care, placement with the extended family or community is sought where possible, particularly in the case of Indigenous children (AIHW 2006b). Continued emphasis is placed on improving case planning and case management processes to facilitate the safe return home of children in out-of-home care and to maximise case workers' contact time with children and families.

Nationally, 34 069 children were in out-of-home care at 30 June 2009. The rate of children in out-of-home care per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years was 6.7 (table 15A.16). The number and rate of children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care has increased since 2004-05. At 30 June 2005, 23 695 children were in out-of-home care. This represented a rate of 4.9 per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years (SCRGSP 2006).

Nationally, 10 512 Indigenous children and 23 557 non-Indigenous children were in out-of-home care at 30 June 2009. The rate of children in out-of-home care per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 44.8 for Indigenous children and 4.9 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.16).

Further information on children in out-of-home care is included in the attachment tables. Table 15A.17 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type at 30 June 2009. Table 15A.18 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether they were on a care and protection order at 30 June 2009. Table 15A.19 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care as at 30 June 2009. Table 15A.20 identifies the number of children who exited care during 2008-09, by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care.

Funding

Recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services was approximately \$2.2 billion across Australia in 2008-09 — a real increase of \$123.6 million (6.0 per cent) from 2007-08. Of this expenditure, out-of-home care services accounted for the majority (66.0 per cent, or \$1.4 billion). Nationally, annual real expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services has

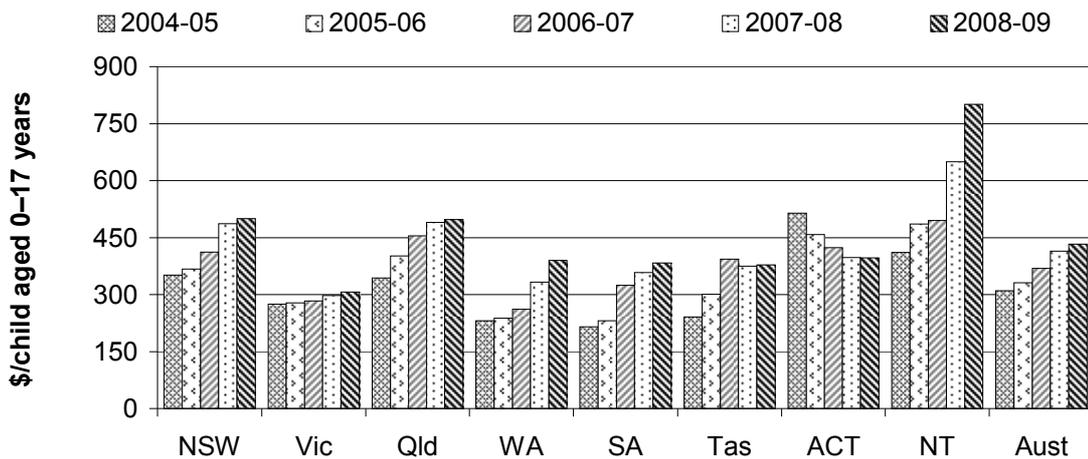
increased by \$696.6 million from \$1.5 billion since 2004-05, an average annual increase over the 4 year period of 10.1 per cent (table 15A.1).

In 2008-09, real recurrent expenditure per child aged 0–17 years in child protection and out-of-home care services was \$432 nationally (figure 15.2). Real recurrent expenditure per child aged 0–17 years increased in most jurisdictions between 2004-05 and 2008-09 and has increased nationally each year since 2004-05. In 2004-05 the real recurrent expenditure per child aged 0–17 years was \$310 (table 15A.1). This represents an average annual increase over the 4 year period of 9.9 per cent.

It is an objective of the Review to report comparable estimates of costs. Ideally, the full range of costs to government would be determined on a comparable basis across jurisdictions. Where full costs cannot be calculated, costs should be estimated on a consistent basis across jurisdictions. However, in the area of child protection, there are differences across jurisdictions in the calculation of expenditure.

Table 15A.4 identifies the level of consistency across jurisdictions for a number of expenditure items. The scope of child protection systems also varies across jurisdictions, and expenditure on some services may be included for some jurisdictions, but not for others.

Figure 15.2 Real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services per child (2008-09 dollars)^a



^a Refer to table 15A.1 for detailed jurisdiction-specific footnotes on expenditure data and table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.1.

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

The framework of performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services is based on shared government objectives (box 15.4).

Box 15.4 Objectives for child protection and out-of-home care services

The aims of child protection services are to:

- protect children and young people at risk of harm within their family or in circumstances in which the family of the child or young person does not have the capacity to protect them
- assist families to protect children and young people.

The aim of out-of-home care services is to provide quality care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who cannot live with their parents for reasons of safety or family crisis.

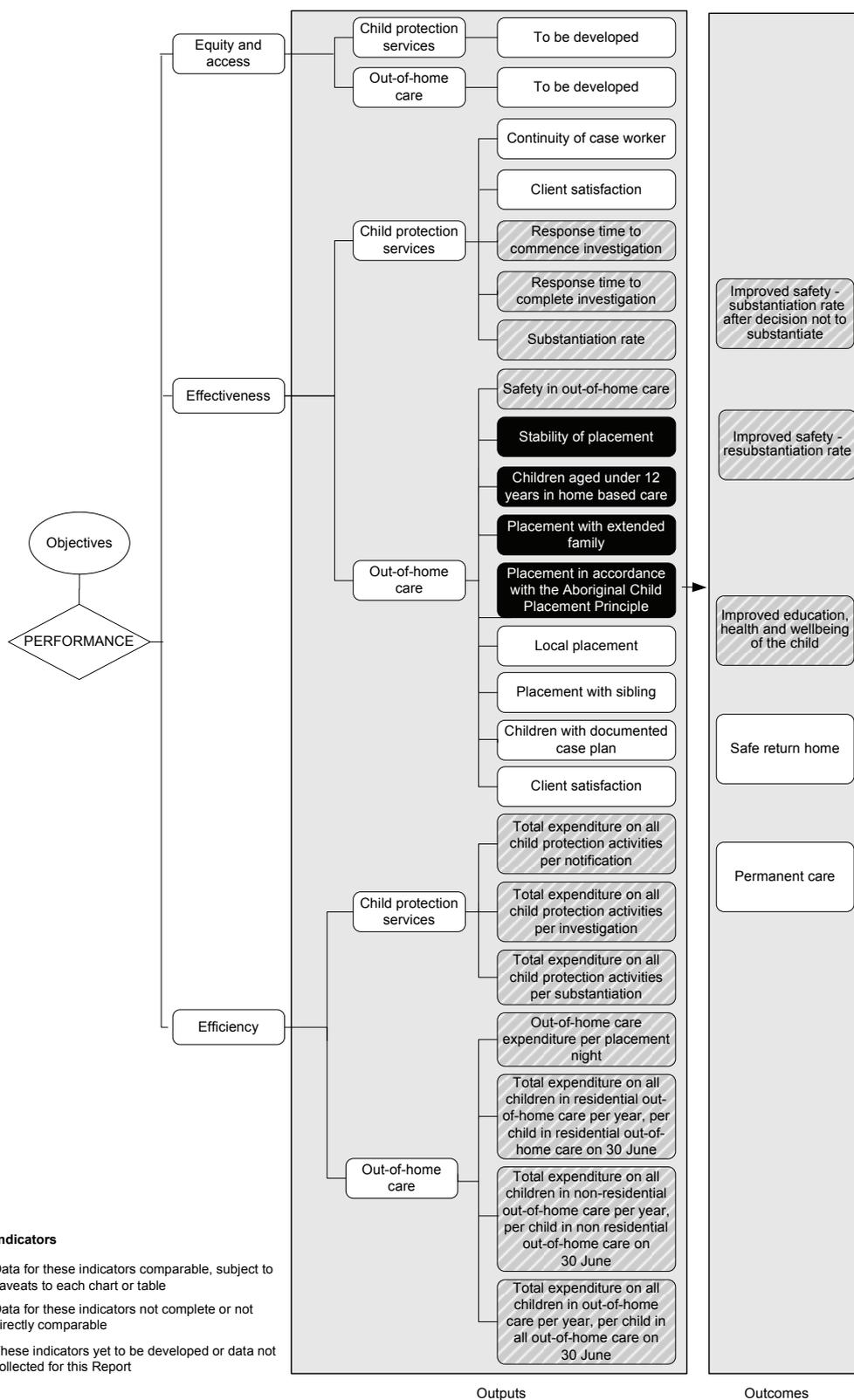
Child protection and out-of-home care services should be provided in an efficient and effective manner.

The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2010 Report (figure 15.3). For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability from a Report-wide perspective (see section 1.6).

15.3 Key child protection and out-of-home care services performance indicator results

Different delivery contexts, locations and types of client may affect the equity/access, effectiveness and efficiency of child protection services. The Report's statistical appendix contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. These data cover a range of demographic and geographic characteristics, including age profile, geographic distribution of the population, income levels, education levels, tenure of dwellings and cultural heritage (including Indigenous and ethnic status) (appendix A).

Figure 15.3 Performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services



Outputs

Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Equity and access

Equity and access indicators are indicators of governments' objective to ensure that all clients have fair and equitable access to services on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.5).

Box 15.5 Access to child protection and out-of-home care services by equity groups

'Access to child protection and out-of-home care services by equity groups' are yet to be defined.

These indicators have been identified for development in future reports.

Effectiveness

Child protection services — continuity of case worker

'Continuity of case worker' is an indicator of governments' objective to ensure child protection services are delivered in an effective manner (box 15.6).

Box 15.6 Continuity of case worker

'Continuity of case worker' is yet to be defined.

The turnover of workers is a frequent criticism of the quality of child protection services. Effective intervention requires a productive working relationship between the worker and the child and family.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Child protection services — client satisfaction

'Client satisfaction' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of recipients (box 15.7).

Box 15.7 Client satisfaction

'Client satisfaction' is yet to be defined.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Box 15.8 provides examples of steps taken across jurisdictions to monitor, assess and promote client satisfaction in relation to child protection and out-of-home care.

Box 15.8 Developments in client satisfaction

NSW A large scale evaluation is being undertaken of the Brighter Futures early intervention program, which targets vulnerable families with children under 9 years of age. As part of the evaluation, a sample of 168 families participated in a survey assessing satisfaction with the services provided. In summary, 92 per cent stated that they were satisfied or completely satisfied with case management; 97 per cent stated that they were satisfied or completely satisfied with home visits; 59 per cent stated that they were satisfied with the child care service (with 35 per cent stating that it was not applicable); and 48 per cent stated that they were satisfied with parenting programs (with 46 per cent stating that it was not applicable).

VIC Survey findings of child protection clients and families in 2001 on their experience of child protection identified areas for practice improvement and a range of strengths in child protection practice, including that in the majority of cases, child protection intervention improved the safety and life circumstances of young people. A further survey of child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services clients is to take place in 2010 and again in 2012. Client feedback is also routinely sought by Community Services Organisations as part of meeting Victorian out-of-home care service registration standards.

Qld The views of children in care are regularly sought through surveys undertaken by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. The surveys inform systems monitoring indicators and contribute to policy and practice development. The Department also supports 'Be Heard' programs delivered by the CREATE Foundation. These programs gather information from children and young people in care at a local level and provide feedback and training to the relevant child safety service centre. This includes recommendations to staff about how they can overcome barriers and address issues that have been raised by children and young people.

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- WA** The Department for Child Protection undertook an on-line survey of foster carers in early 2008 and is responding to the feedback obtained from this stakeholder group. The Department introduced new complaints policy and procedures in March 2008. Formal monitoring of service standards has continued and all districts were assessed by June 2009. A pilot standards monitoring regime for residential and non-government placement services was completed in June 2009. WA's first Commissioner for Children and Young People was appointed in December 2007 and has legislative powers to consult, investigate, research, advise and report independently to the Parliament about issues that concern children and young people and those supporting them.
- SA** Based on recommendations arising from the Mullighan Inquiry (Mullighan 2008), the SA Government has commenced drafting legislation to strengthen prevention and early intervention. Families SA has also updated its customer complaints system. In addition, a survey of foster carers undertaken in 2007 revealed that in dealing with departmental staff the majority of carers reported being treated fairly, staff were competent and that foster carers received the information they sought. A further survey of carers will be undertaken in 2009. The SA Office of the Guardian has also conducted interviews with children and young people in care to identify what they want from their case workers. Overwhelmingly, children and young people value a positive relationship with their case worker (SA Government 2009).
- TAS** Tasmania engaged the CREATE Foundation in March 2009 to report the views of children in care as part of the 'Be Heard' project. The project's interim report indicates that children in care value being involved in decision making about their situation. They also value placements in which they feel part of a family and are respected. In June 2009 the Commissioner for Children commenced an audit of complaints in care with a focus on the level and quality of worker visitation and care planning. The Commissioner reported that children in care value equality of treatment by carers and benefit when a meaningful relationship is established with their child protection worker. Tasmania also launched a Charter of Rights for Children in Out-of-Home Care in June 2009. The Charter materials are distributed to children, young people, and others involved in the provision of Out-of-Home Care in Tasmania.
- ACT** The CREATE Foundation released a report in July 2004 based on qualitative interviews of children and young people in out-of-home care in the ACT. This report recommended the development of a charter of rights for children and young people in care in the ACT. This charter has been developed in consultation with children, young people, the out-of-home care sector, foster carers, kinships carers, and other government and non-government agencies. The Charter was launched in November 2009.

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Box 15.8 (Continued)

NT In June 2008 a Children's Commissioner was appointed. The Children's Commissioner can receive and investigate complaints about services, usually for children for whom care orders are in place. It may also include any child that Northern Territory Families and Children (Department of Health and Families) has accepted as requiring further assessment, case management, intervention or support services following a notification.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Child protection services — response time to commence investigation

'Response time to commence investigation' is an indicator of governments' objective to minimise the risk of harm to children by responding to notifications of possible child protection incidents and commencing investigations in a timely manner (box 15.9).

Box 15.9 Response time to commence investigation

'Response time to commence investigation' is defined as the length of time (measured in days) between the date a child protection department records a notification and the date an investigation is subsequently commenced.

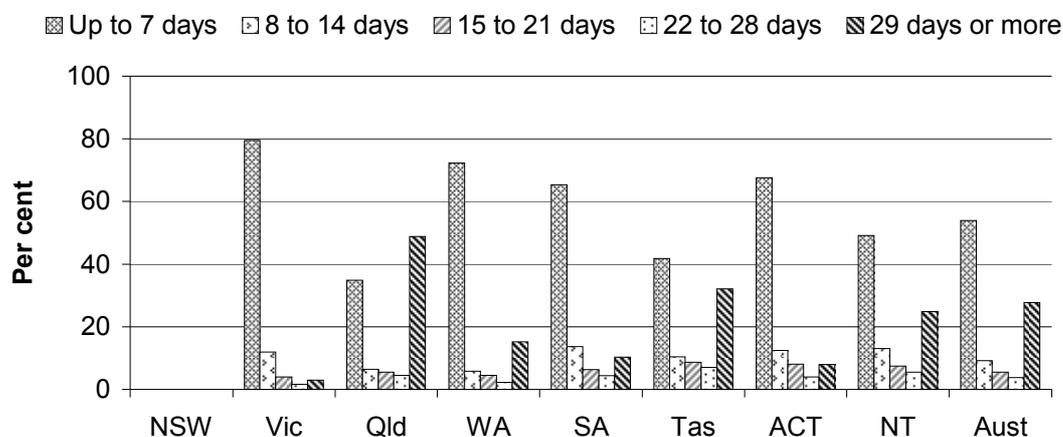
A short or decreasing length of time between recording a notification and commencing an investigation is desirable. The length of time between recording a notification and commencing an investigation indicates a department's promptness in effectively responding to child protection concerns.

This indicator needs to be interpreted with care as jurisdictions record notifications at different stages in response to a report, and jurisdictions have policy and legislation outlining the time recommended for commencing investigations, based on the seriousness of the child protection concern.

Data reported for this indicator are neither directly comparable nor complete.

For most jurisdictions, the majority of investigations were commenced within seven days of notification in 2008-09 (figure 15.4).

Figure 15.4 Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation (2008-09)^a



^a Data for NSW were not available.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.14.

Child protection services — response time to complete investigation

‘Response time to complete investigation’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to minimise the risk of harm to the child by responding to notifications of possible child protection incidents and completing investigations in a timely manner (box 15.10).

Box 15.10 Response time to complete investigation

‘Response time to complete investigation’ is defined as the length of time (measured in days) between the date a child protection department records a notification and the date an investigation is completed (that is, the date an investigation outcome is determined by a department).

A short or decreasing length of time between recording a notification and completing an investigation is desirable. The length of time between recording a notification and completing an investigation indicates the effectiveness of the department in conducting investigations in a timely manner.

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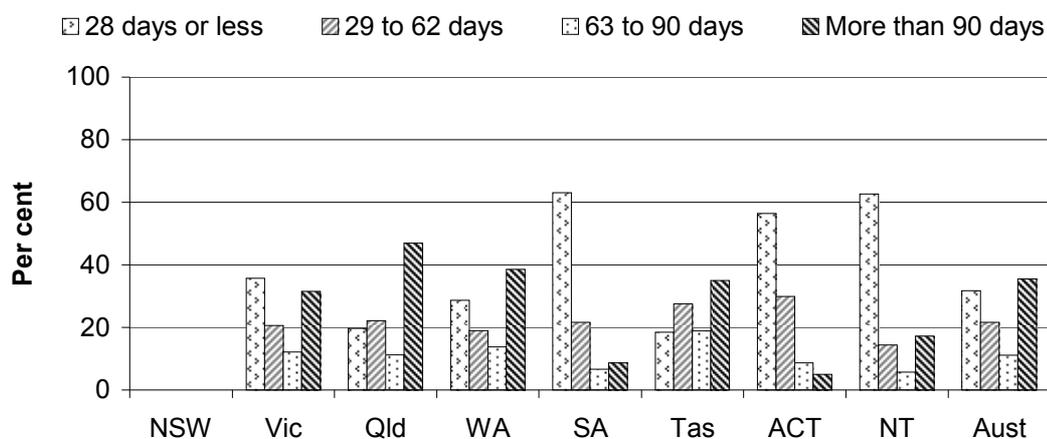
This indicator needs to be interpreted with care as jurisdictions record notifications at different stages in response to a report, and jurisdictions have policy and legislation outlining the time recommended for commencing investigations, based on the seriousness of the child protection concern. Furthermore, while investigations should be conducted in a timely manner, it is important that expediency does not undermine a thorough and accurate assessment of the case. In addition, a number of factors outside the control of a department can affect the timeliness of investigations, including involvement by external parties (for example, police, schools) and an inability to locate a child and/or family.

Data reported for this indicator are neither directly comparable nor complete.

Investigation is the process whereby the relevant department obtains more detailed information about a child who is the subject of a notification (for the 2010 Report this is between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009) and makes an assessment about the harm or degree of harm to the child, and his or her protective needs. An investigation includes sighting or interviewing the subject child where it is practical to do so.

The response time to complete investigation varied across jurisdictions in 2008-09, with the majority of investigations completed in either less than 28 days or more than 90 days (figure 15.5).

Figure 15.5 Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation (2008-09)^a



^a Data for NSW were not available.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.15.

Child protection services — substantiation rate

‘Substantiation rate’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to target investigations to those notifications where a substantive child abuse/neglect incident has occurred or is at risk of occurring (box 15.11).

Box 15.11 Substantiation rate

‘Substantiation rate’ is defined as the proportion of finalised investigations where harm or risk of harm was substantiated.

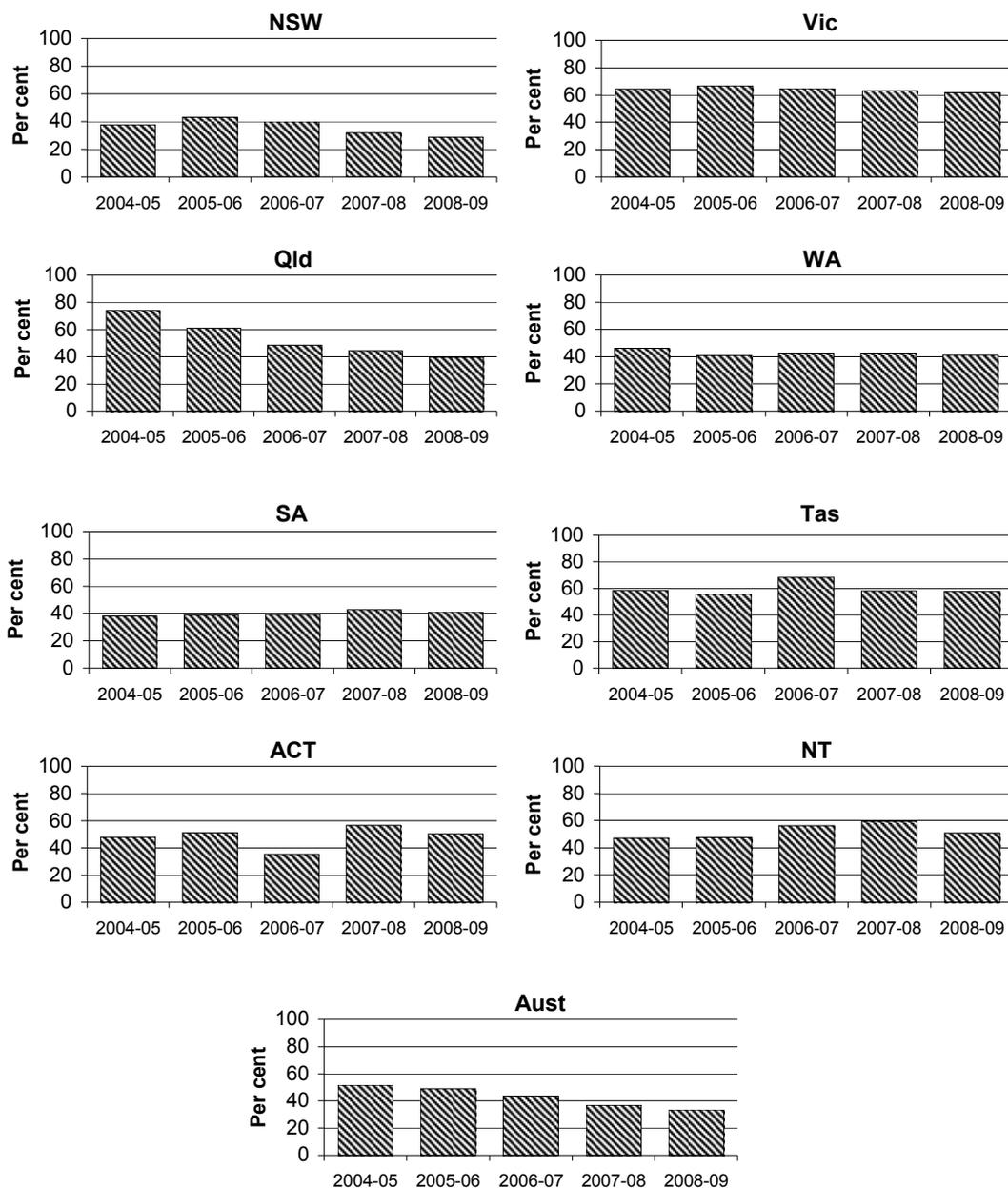
Neither a very high nor very low substantiation rate is desirable. The ‘substantiation rate’ provides an indication of the extent to which government avoided the human and financial costs of an investigation where no harm had occurred or was at risk of occurring. A very low substantiation rate might indicate that notifications and investigations are not accurately targeted at appropriate cases, with the undesirable consequence of distress to families and undermining the likelihood that families will voluntarily seek support. It might also reflect a greater propensity to substantiate abuse incidents rather than situations of risk. A very high substantiation rate might indicate that either some appropriate cases are being overlooked at notification and/or investigation, or that the criteria for substantiation are unnecessarily bringing ‘lower risk’ families into the statutory system.

The rate of finalised investigations that were substantiated is influenced by a range of factors and might fluctuate because of policy, funding and practice changes, such as better targeting of investigative resources, the impact of mandatory reporting or other factors such as increased community awareness and willingness to notify suspected instances of child abuse, neglect or harm.

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Data that are comparable across jurisdictions are not available for this indicator, because definitions of substantiations vary across jurisdictions. Data are comparable within each jurisdiction over time unless otherwise stated (figure 15.6).

Figure 15.6 Proportion of finalised child protection investigations that were substantiated^{a, b}



^a Data are not comparable across jurisdictions because definitions of substantiation vary significantly. Consequently, rates should not be compared across jurisdictions. ^b Refer to footnotes in the source tables for information about what each jurisdiction's data include.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia* data collection; tables 15A.39, 15A.56, 15A.73, 15A.90, 15A.107, 15A.124, 15A.141 and 15A.158.

Out-of-home care — safety in out-of-home care

‘Safety in out-of-home care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide children who are under the care of the State with a safe home environment (box 15.12).

Box 15.12 Safety in out-of-home care

‘Safety in out-of-home care’ is defined as the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care.

A low or decreasing proportion of substantiations is desirable.

This indicator reflects the safety of children in care situations. Care should be taken when interpreting this indicator as the threshold for substantiating harm or risk involving children in care is generally lower than that for substantiating harm or risk involving a child in the care of his or her own parents. This is because governments assume a duty of care for children removed from the care of their parents for protective reasons. In addition, care should be taken when interpreting these data as the scope of information captured by jurisdictions differs. Some jurisdictions include substantiations concerning visitors to the home and substantiations where abuse was perpetrated by someone outside the care setting but a carer’s action or inaction contributed to the harm.

Data reported for this indicator are neither complete nor directly comparable.

Nationally, in 2008-09, 0.6 per cent of children in out-of-home care were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household (table 15.1). Proportions varied across jurisdictions.

Table 15.1 Rate and number of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was living in the household, 2008-09^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW^c</i>	<i>Vic^c</i>	<i>Qld^d</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^c</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation	no.	na	na	230	4	4	16	1	na	255
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	17 998	7 826	9 527	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747	43 976
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care	%	na	na	2.4	0.1	0.2	1.6	0.1	na	0.6

^a Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable across jurisdictions due to differences in policies, practices and reporting methods. ^b See table 15A.25 for detailed footnotes. ^c Data were not available for NSW, Victoria or the NT. ^d Queensland's data comprise matter of concern substantiations, which refer to children in the custody or guardianship of the Chief Executive only. Queensland's consideration of the 'person believed responsible' relates to the overall safety and risk experienced by a child in care. It includes not only allegations of actual harm inflicted by members of a household but also whether their action or inaction contributed to the risk or harm even if the person believed responsible did not reside in the household. Therefore, Queensland's data are broader than the scope of the national counting rule and should not be compared to other jurisdictions' data. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia data collection (table 15A.25).

Out-of-home care — stability of placement

'Stability of placement' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of recipients on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.13).

For children placed away from their family for protective reasons, stability of placement is an important indicator of service quality, particularly for those children who require long term placements. Data are collected on the number of different placements for children on a care and protection order who exited out-of-home care in 2008-09. Data are grouped according to the length of time in care (less than 12 months and 12 months or more).

Box 15.13 Stability of placement

‘Stability of placement’ is defined as the proportion of children who had 1 or 2 placements during a period of continuous out-of-home care.

A low number of child placements (one or two) per period of care is desirable, but must be balanced against other placement quality indicators, such as placements in compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle, local placements and placements with siblings.

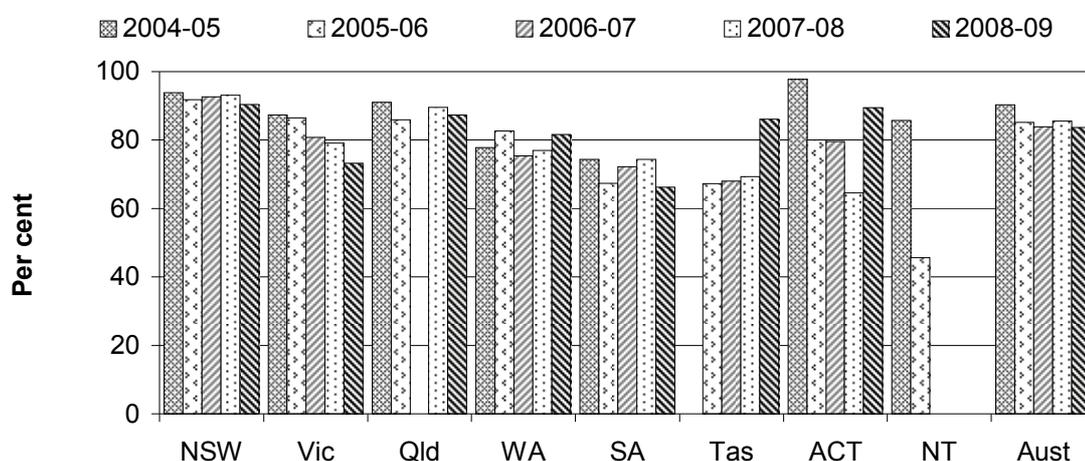
Children can have multiple short term placements for appropriate reasons (for example, an initial placement followed by a longer term placement) or it may be desirable to change placements to achieve better child–family compatibility. It is not desirable for a child to stay in an unsatisfactory or unsupportive placement. Also, older children are more likely to have multiple placements as they move towards independence and voluntarily seek alternate placements.

Data are collected only for children who are on orders and who exit care during the reporting period. There are limitations to counting placement stability using an exit cohort rather than entry cohort longitudinal data, because the population of children in an exit cohort is biased to children from recent entry cohorts with relatively short stays in care, and these children are likely to have experienced fewer placements.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 83.7 per cent of the children on a care and protection order who exited care after less than 12 months in 2008-09 experienced 1 or 2 placements. This proportion varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.7).

Figure 15.7 Proportion of children on a care and protection order exiting care after less than 12 months, who had 1 or 2 placements^{a, b, c, d, e, f, g}

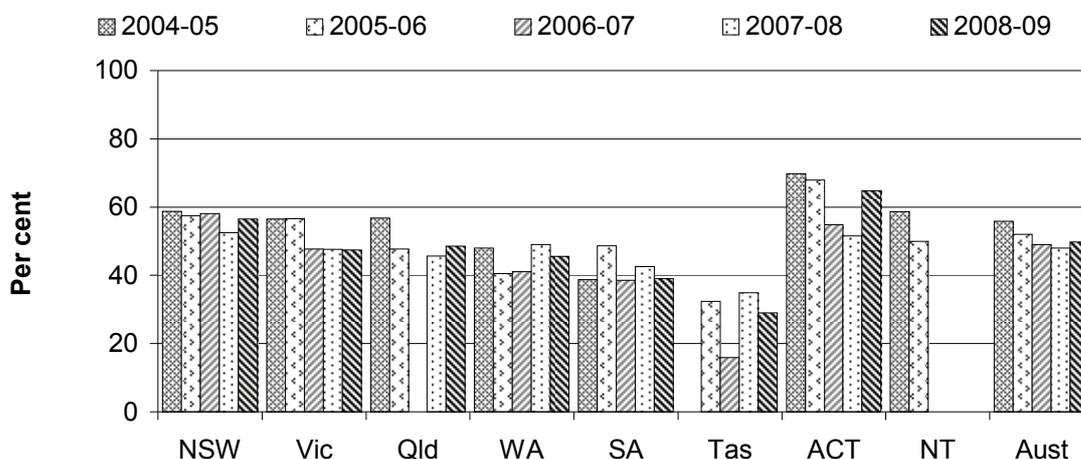


^a Data refer to children exiting care during the relevant financial year. ^b Refer to footnotes in the source tables for information about what each jurisdiction's data include. ^c During 2006-07 Victoria introduced new service and data reporting arrangements. Therefore data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable to previous years' data. ^d Queensland data for 2006-07 and NT data for 2006-07 to 2008-09 are not available. ^e Data for Tasmania were not available prior to 2005-06. ^f The apparent decline in the proportion for the ACT in 2007-08 was impacted by the small number of children involved and the placement of large sibling groups. ^g NT data for 2006-07 to 2008-09 were not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* collection; table 15A.24.

Across jurisdictions, children who had been in out-of-home care longer tended to have had more placements. The proportion of children exiting care in 2008-09 after 12 months or more who had experienced 1 or 2 placements was 49.7 per cent nationally but varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.8).

Figure 15.8 Proportion of children on a care and protection order exiting care after 12 months or more, who had 1 or 2 placements^{a, b, c, d, e, f}



^a Data refer to children exiting care during the relevant financial year. ^b Refer to footnotes in the source table for information about what each jurisdiction's data include. ^c During 2006-07 Victoria introduced new service and data reporting arrangements. Therefore data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable to previous years' data. ^d Queensland data for 2006-07 were not available. ^e Data for Tasmania were not available prior to 2005-06. ^f NT data for 2006-07 to 2008-09 were not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.24.

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

'Children aged under 12 years in home-based care' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide services which meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.14).

Box 15.14 Children aged under 12 years in home-based care

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

A high rate for this indicator is desirable. This indicator should be interpreted in conjunction with other placement indicators.

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of all children aged under 12 years in care who were placed in home-based care (excluding family group homes) at 30 June 2009 was 97.9 per cent nationally. In most jurisdictions the proportion of Indigenous children aged under 12 years who were placed in home-based care was similar to that of non-Indigenous children (figure 15.9).

Figure 15.9 Proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2009^{a, b}



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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.23.

Out-of-home care — placement with extended family

‘Placement with extended family’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of recipients on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.15).

Box 15.15 Placement with extended family

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

A high or increasing rate for this indicator is desirable. 'Placement with extended family' needs to be considered with other factors in the placement decision. Placing children with their relatives or kin is generally the preferred out-of-home care placement option. This option is generally associated with better long term outcomes due to increased continuity, familiarity and stability for the child. Relatives are more likely to have or form long term emotional bonds with the child. Placement with familiar people can help to overcome the loss of attachment and belonging that can occur when children are placed in out-of-home care.

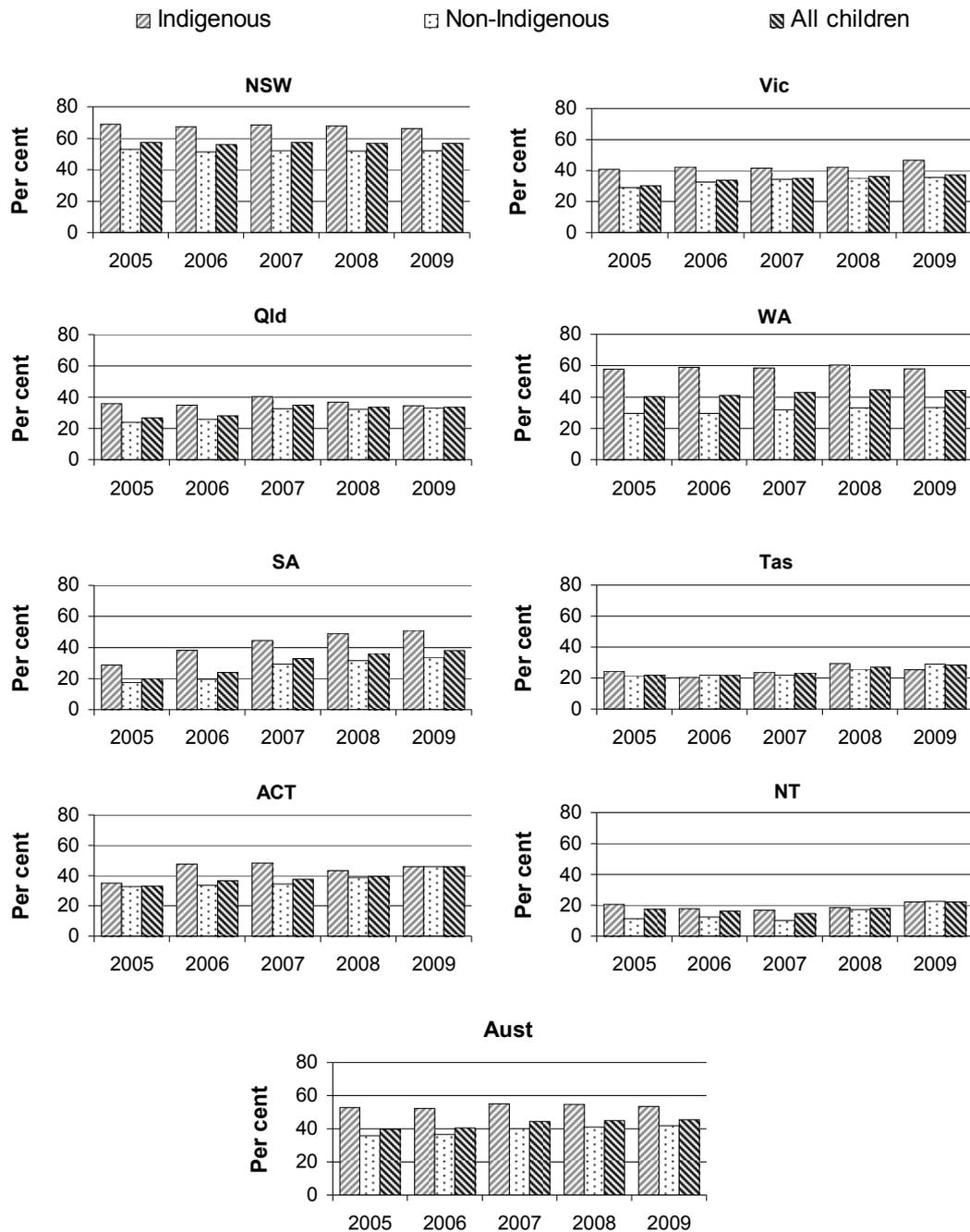
Placements with extended family may not always be the best option. Long standing family dynamics can undermine the pursuit of case goals such as reunification, and the possibility of intergenerational abuse needs to be considered. In addition, depending on the individual circumstances of the child, it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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Figure 15.10 shows the proportion of children placed with relatives or kin by Indigenous status for the past 4 years. Although these data are comparable, each jurisdiction is shown separately for simpler presentation. The proportion of children placed with relatives or kin at 30 June 2009 was greater for Indigenous children than for non-Indigenous children in all jurisdictions and nationally (figure 15.10).

The Aboriginal Child Placement Principle places considerable emphasis on the placement of Indigenous children with extended family. This principle is discussed in box 15.16.

Figure 15.10 Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, 30 June^a



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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.21.

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

‘Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to protect the safety and welfare of Indigenous children while maintaining their cultural ties and identity (box 15.16).

Box 15.16 Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

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

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

Placing Indigenous children in circumstances consistent with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle is considered to be in their best interests. However, it is one factor among many considerations for the child’s safety and wellbeing that must be carefully considered in the placement decision. In the application of this principle, departments consult with and involve appropriate Indigenous individuals and/or organisations. If the preferred options are not available, the child may be placed (after appropriate consultation) with a non-Indigenous family or in a residential setting. The principle does not preclude the possibility that in some instances, placement in a non-Indigenous setting, where arrangements are in place for the child’s cultural identity to be preserved, might be the most appropriate placement for the child.

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

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

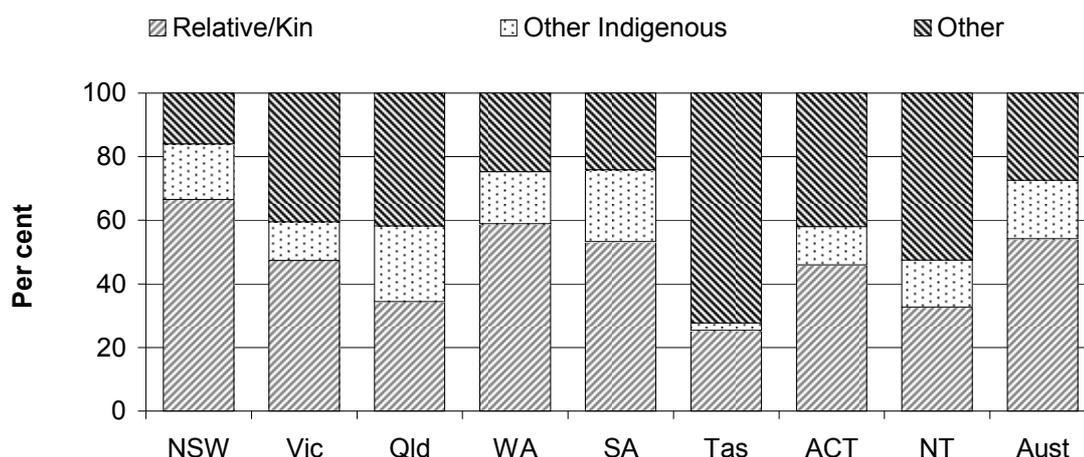
- placement with the child’s extended family (which includes Indigenous and non-Indigenous relatives/kin)
- placement within the child’s Indigenous community
- placement with other Indigenous people.

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

Nationally, at 30 June 2009, 54.2 per cent of Indigenous children in out-of-home care were placed with a relative/kin, 18.4 per cent placed with a non-relative Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care, and 27.4 per cent were not placed with relative/kin, a non-relative Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care (figure 15.11).

The proportion of Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2009 who were placed with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives or kin or with another Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.11).

Figure 15.11 Placement of Indigenous children in out-of-home care, 30 June 2009^{a, b}



Relative/Kin = Placed with relative/kin. Other Indigenous = Placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care. Other = Not placed with relative/kin, other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care. ^a Excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown. ^b Data for Tasmania and the ACT relate to a small number of Indigenous children (130 and 100 respectively) in care at 30 June 2009.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.22.

Out-of-home care — local placement

‘Local placement’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services which meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.17).

Box 15.17 Local placement

'Local placement' is defined as the proportion of children attending the same school that they were attending before entering out-of-home care as after entering out-of-home care.

A high or increasing rate of 'local placement' is desirable.

A placement close to where a child lived prior to entering out-of-home care is considered to enhance the stability, familiarity and security of the child. It enables some elements of the child's life to remain unchanged (for example, they can continue attending the same school and retain their friendship network). It may also facilitate family contact if the child's parents continue to live nearby.

This indicator should be balanced against other quality indicators. This is one factor among many that must be considered in the placement decision. For example, placement with a sibling or relative might preclude a local placement. Also, a child might move from a primary school to a secondary school or to a different local school at the same level.

Data will be provided for 3 and 12 months after entering care. Data collection for this indicator is under development. Data were not available for the 2010 Report.

Out-of-home care — placement with sibling

'Placement with sibling' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide services which meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.18).

Box 15.18 Placement with sibling

'Placement with sibling' is defined as the proportion of children who are on orders and in out-of-home care at 30 June who have siblings also on orders and in out-of-home care, who are placed with at least one of their siblings.

A high or increasing rate of placement with siblings is desirable. Placement of siblings together promotes stability and continuity. It is a long standing placement principle that siblings should be placed together, where possible, in the interests of their emotional wellbeing. Children are likely to be more secure and have a sense of belonging within their family when placed with siblings.

This is one factor among many that must be considered in the placement decision. In circumstances of sibling abuse, or when a particular child in a family has been singled out as the target for abuse or neglect, keeping siblings together may not be appropriate.

Data collection for this indicator is under development. Data were not available for the 2010 Report.

Out-of-home care — children with documented case plan

‘Children with documented case plan’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.19).

Box 15.19 Children with documented case plan

‘Children with documented case plan’ is defined as the proportion of children on an order and in out-of-home care who have a documented case plan.

A high or increasing rate is desirable because all children should have a case plan. The quality of a case plan must also be considered as the existence of a case plan does not guarantee that appropriate case work to meet a child’s needs is occurring.

Case planning is essential to structured and purposeful work to support children’s optimal development. Case plans outline intervention goals such as improved parent-child attachments, reunification or other forms of permanency, and set out the means to achieve these goals, such as frequency of family contact and any remedial or special services considered appropriate for the individual child. Case plans also allow for the monitoring of a child’s time in care.

Data collection for this indicator are under development. Data were not available for the 2010 Report.

Out-of-home care — client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of recipients (box 15.20).

Box 15.20 Client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is yet to be defined.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Some information on jurisdictions’ development of initiatives which may assist to measure client satisfaction in the future is included in box 15.8.

Efficiency

Understanding the efficiency of child protection systems broadly — and the different components of child protection systems, such as early intervention and out-of-home care services — enables State and Territory governments to identify key service cost drivers. Efficiency measures coupled with outcome measures

ultimately enable State and Territory governments to compare the relative cost effectiveness of broad system approaches and the cost effectiveness of different components of child protection systems.

Challenges in reporting efficiency for child protection systems

Current efficiency data for child protection services have several limitations, including:

- *different systems and priorities across jurisdictions* — child protection systems in Australia have evolved independently under the auspices of State and Territory governments. This has resulted in variations in the processes and emphases placed on different service delivery paradigms, such as different approaches to diversionary options
- *limitations of current information systems* — in most jurisdictions, it is difficult to identify resources directed specifically to child protection services, out-of-home care services and other support services for families. This is due in part to the historic structure of information systems and the embedding of government agencies responsible for child protection services within larger community services departments. Table 15A.4 identifies the level of consistency in expenditure data across jurisdictions.

As a result of these limitations, cost allocations reflect the historic nature of information systems and do not necessarily provide an accurate reflection of the costs involved in provision of various child protection and out-of-home care services.

In April 2002, the Review initiated a project to improve efficiency data for a national framework of protection and support pathways (the ‘Pathways’ project) (box 15.21). Until this can be fully implemented, reporting on efficiency has been limited to proxy indicators (box 15.22 and box 15.24).

Box 15.21 The 'Pathways' project

The Pathways project developed and tested a model that will ultimately allow jurisdictions to calculate more meaningful, comparable and robust efficiency measures (the 'pathways method'). The model is based on a top-down application of the activity-based costing method. Eight national pathways have been developed as a high level representation of the services that a protection and support client could receive in any jurisdiction. Each pathway consists of common activity groups which act as the 'building blocks' for each of the pathways. The aggregate cost of each activity group within the pathway will allow the unit cost (including direct and indirect expenditure) of an individual pathway to be determined.

These activity groups and pathways will provide additional utility for jurisdictions in managing the business of child protection services. Implementation of the model has the potential to improve the quality of national reporting of protection and support services efficiency measures. Activity-based data can also result, over time, in measures of the cost savings associated with early intervention strategies.

The activity groups are:

- Activity Group 1 Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issue.
- Activity Group 2 Provision of generic/non-intensive family support services.
- Activity Group 3 Provision of intensive family support services.
- Activity Group 4 Secondary information gathering and assessment.
- Activity Group 5 Provision of short term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order.
- Activity Group 6 Seeking an order.
- Activity Group 7 Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order.
- Activity Group 8 Provision of out-of-home care services.

Detailed definitions of activity groups are included in section 15.13.

Before jurisdictional reporting against the activity groups can be undertaken with confidence, further refinement of activity group definitions and counting rules is required. Development work, including further data testing in these areas will continue.

Source: SCRCSSP (2003) and SCRGSP (unpublished).

Experimental results from the Pathways model, provided by five jurisdictions, are included in table 15.2. These data are preliminary and are subject to further analysis and refinement for future Reports. These data do not represent unit costs and should be interpreted with caution. Due to differing internal management systems across jurisdictions, there can be significant variation between jurisdictions in relation to specific activities or expenditures that are included in each activity group.

These data reflect a combination of allocation of direct costs (those costs which can be clearly identified by a jurisdiction to a particular activity group) and indirect costs (which form part of the overall expenditure base, but which cannot be identified in a specific activity group). Indirect allocations have been approximated by jurisdictions across the eight activity groups.

Table 15.2 provides an approximation of the proportionate allocation of expenditure across the eight activity groups for each participating jurisdiction. The expenditure base used for the pathways project differs from the expenditure base used to calculate the existing proxy efficiency indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services (box 15.22 and box 15.24).

The proportion of expenditure allocated to Activity group 8 (Out-of-home care) is the most significant and varies from 39 per cent to 51 per cent across reporting jurisdictions. The proportions allocated to Activity groups 1 (Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issue) and 6 (Seeking an order) both accounted for less than 10 per cent across all reporting jurisdictions.

Table 15.2 Proportion of expenditure by activity group — experimental estimates (per cent)^{a, b}

	AG1	AG2 ^c	AG3	AG4	AG5	AG6	AG7	AG8	Total ^d
NSW (2005-06)	7	17	18	6	2	3	2	46	100
Victoria (2005-06)	3	24	4	5	4	7	8	44	100
WA (2008-09) ^e	9	8	5	8	3	4	12	51	100
SA (2005-06)	4	8	4	13	10	8	7	45	100
Tasmania (2004-05)	5	9	3	11	15	8	9	39	100

AG = Activity Group (box 15.21). ^a Participating jurisdictions' experimental data relate to expenditure allocations across different years. Activity Group definitions have been refined over time, therefore, experimental estimates from earlier years are not strictly comparable with more recent data. ^b Experimental percentage allocations are derived from total expenditure allocations which vary from totals used to derive costs presented elsewhere in the chapter. ^c Expenditure items included in calculating proportional expenditure for Activity Group 2 can vary across jurisdictions, for example the inclusion/exclusion of expenditure on services outsourced to non-government organisations. ^d Totals may not add to 100 as a result of rounding. ^e In 2007-08, the WA Department for Child Protection was created in addition to the Department for Communities. A substantial amount of Activity Group 2 services are funded and provided by the Department for Communities and these data are not included in the above estimates. It is anticipated that these data will be included in future years.

Source: NSW, Victorian, WA, SA and Tasmanian governments (unpublished).

Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation

‘Total expenditure on all child protection activities, per notification’, ‘total expenditure on all child protection activities, per investigation’, and ‘total expenditure on all child protection activities, per substantiation’ are reported as proxy indicators of governments’ objective to maximise the benefit to the community through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.22).

Box 15.22 Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation

‘Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation’ is defined as:

- total expenditure on all child protection activities divided by the number of notifications
- total expenditure on all child protection activities divided by the number of investigations
- total expenditure on all child protection activities divided by the number of substantiations.

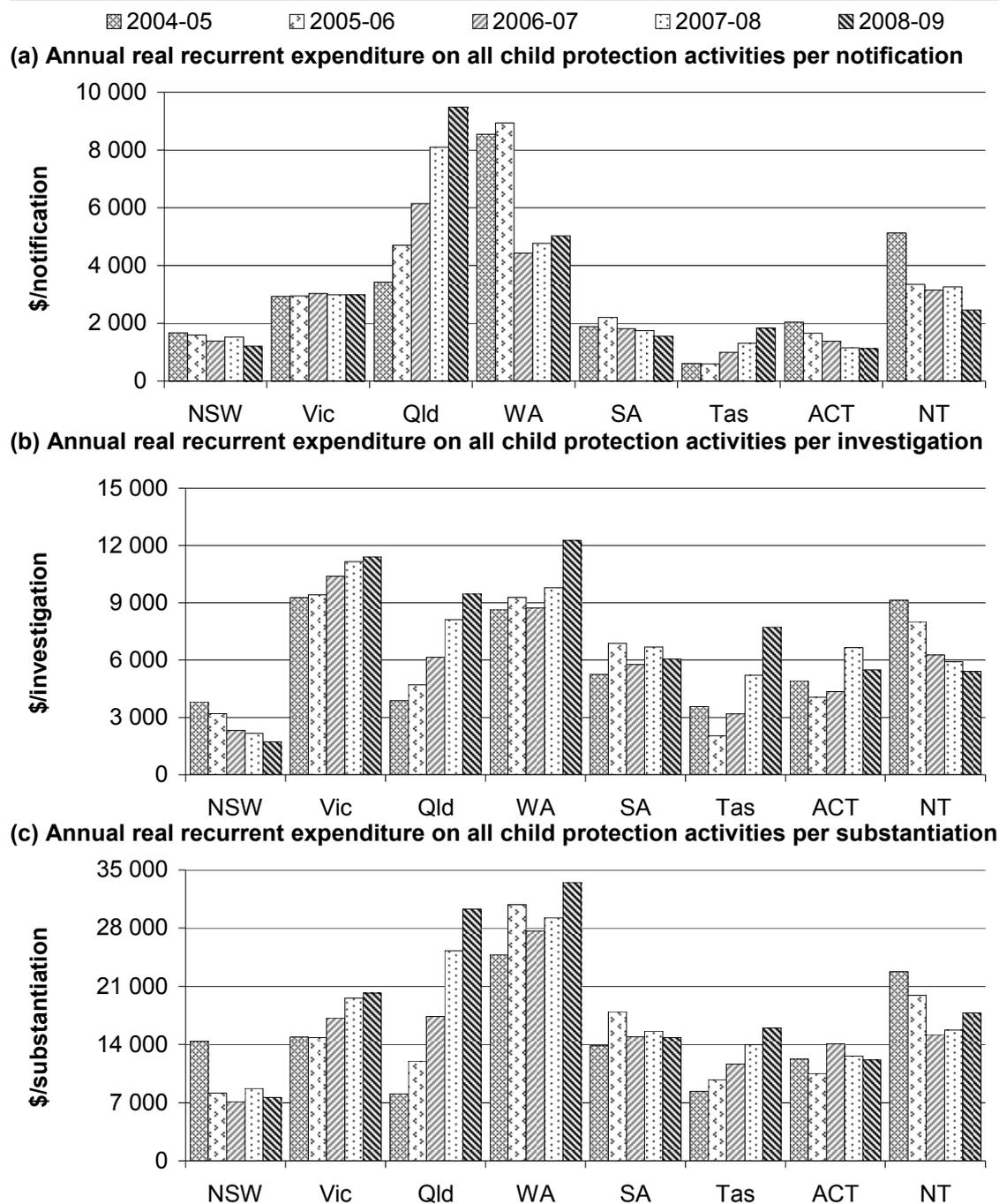
Low or decreasing expenditure per notification/investigation/substantiation can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower quality or different service delivery models. These indicators are proxy indicators and need to be interpreted with care. Because each of these proxy indicators is based on total expenditure on child protection activities, they do not represent, and cannot be interpreted as, unit costs for notifications, investigations or substantiations. These proxy indicators cannot be added together to determine overall cost of child protection services.

More comprehensive and accurate efficiency indicators would relate expenditure on particular child protection activities to a measure of output of those activities. Work is in progress to develop an activity-based costing method that will allow this type of reporting from existing information systems (box 15.21).

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, per investigation and per substantiation from 2004-05 to 2008-09 varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.12).

Figure 15.12 Child protection efficiency indicators (2008-09 dollars)^{a, b}



^a Real expenditure based on ABS gross domestic product price deflator (2008-09 = 100) (table AA.26). ^b See table 15A.2 for detailed jurisdiction-specific footnotes.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.2.

Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night

‘Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.23).

Box 15.23 Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night

‘Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night’ is defined as total real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services divided by the total number of placement nights in out-of-home care.

Low or decreasing expenditure per placement night can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower service quality or different service delivery models. Further, in some cases, efficiencies may not be able to be realised due to remote geographic locations that limit opportunities to reduce overheads through economies of scale.

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night varied across jurisdictions (table 15.3).

Table 15.3 Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night, 2008-09^{a, b}

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas^c</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services (\$m)	552.4	246.0	309.0	154.9	100.0	25.8	20.2	34.8
Placement nights in out-of-home care (no. '000)	5276.2	2129.9	2498.9	957.9	713.4	269.4	170.1	162.0
Out-of-home care program expenditure per placement night (\$)	104.7	115.5	123.6	161.7	140.1	95.6	118.9	214.9

^a These data should not be interpreted as unit costs for Activity Group 8 as they are derived using reported program expenditure and not activity group expenditure. ^b Caution should be used when interpreting results due to the variety of activities included in out-of-home care services. ^c Children in facility-based care placements contribute to a significant proportion of out-of-home care expenditure and can inflate the average unit cost.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished); table 15A.32.

These indicative unit costs are derived using total real recurrent program expenditure on out-of-home care services (table 15A.1) and not expenditure allocated to an activity group. It is anticipated that unit costs for out-of-home care services derived from Activity group 8 expenditure will be available in future Reports, as development work continues on definitions, counting rules and a pilot data collection for the pathways project.

Expenditure on all out-of-home care services per child in out-of-home care, by residential and non-residential care

‘Total expenditure on all children in residential out-of-home care per year, per child in residential out-of-home care on 30 June’, ‘total expenditure on all children in non-residential out-of-home care per year, per child in non-residential out-of-home care on 30 June’, and ‘total expenditure on all children in out-of-home care per year, per child in all out-of-home care on 30 June’ are reported as proxy indicators of governments’ objective to maximise the benefit to the community through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.24).

Box 15.24 Expenditure on all out-of-home care services per child in out-of-home care, by residential and non-residential care

‘Expenditure on all out-of-home care services per child in out-of-home care, by residential and non-residential care is defined as:

- total expenditure on residential out-of-home care divided by the number of children in residential out-of-home care at 30 June
- total expenditure on non-residential out-of-home care divided by the number of children in non-residential out-of-home care at 30 June
- total expenditure on all out-of-home care divided by the number of children in all out-of-home care at 30 June.

Low or decreasing expenditure per child in care can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower quality or different service delivery models. These indicators are proxy indicators and need to be interpreted with care as they do not represent a measure of unit costs. Expenditure per child in care at 30 June overstates the cost per child because significantly more children are in care during a year than at a point in time. In addition, the indicator does not reflect the length of time that a child spends in care.

More comprehensive and accurate efficiency indicators would relate expenditure on particular out-of-home care activities to a measure of output of those activities. Work is currently in progress to develop an activity-based costing method which will allow this type of reporting from existing information systems (box 15.21).

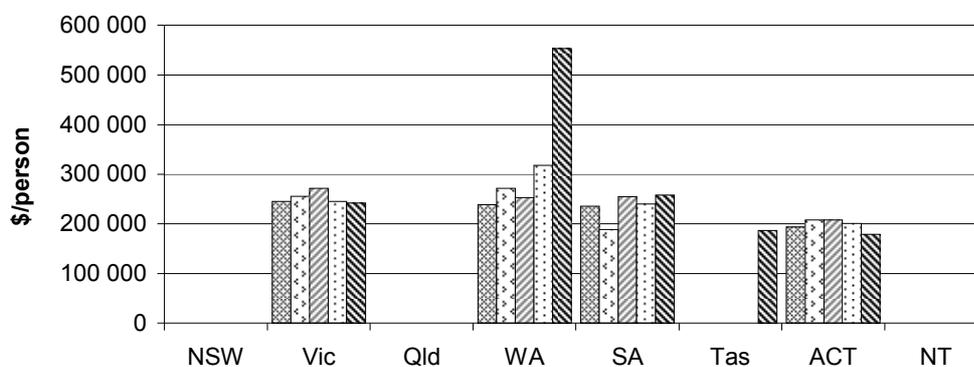
Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Total expenditure on residential care and non-residential care for the period 2004-05 to 2008-09, per child in residential care and non-residential care at 30 June, varied across jurisdictions (figures 15.13(a) and figure 15.13(b)). Total expenditure on all out-of-home care per child in care at 30 June for 2004-05 to 2008-09 also varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.13(c)).

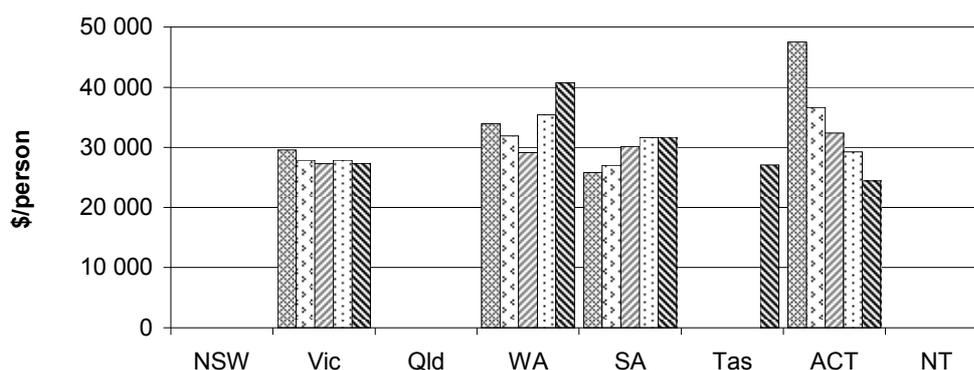
Figure 15.13 **Out-of-home care efficiency indicators (2008-09 dollars)^{a, b}**

■ 2004-05 ▨ 2005-06 ▩ 2006-07 □ 2007-08 ▤ 2008-09

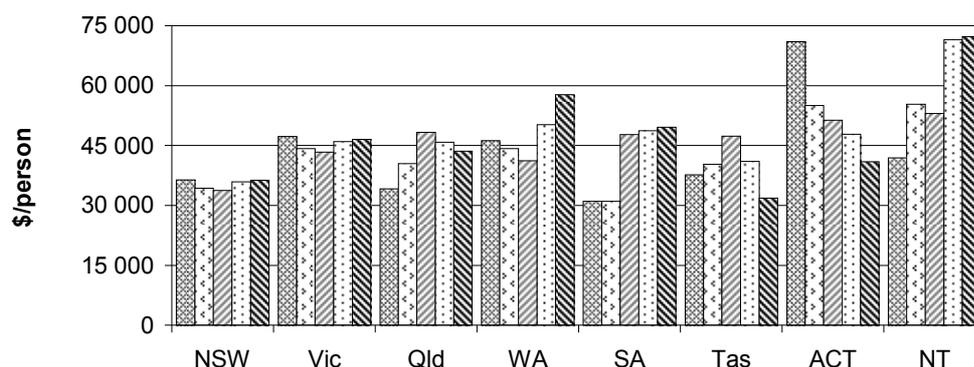
(a) Annual real expenditure on residential out-of-home care per child in residential out-of-home care at 30 June



(b) Annual real expenditure on non-residential out-of-home care per child in non-residential out-of-home care at 30 June



(c) Annual real expenditure on all out-of-home care per child in out-of-home care at 30 June



^a Real expenditure based on ABS gross domestic product price deflator (2008-09 = 100) (table AA.26).

^b NSW, Qld, and the NT could not disaggregate expenditure on out-of-home care into residential care and non-residential care. Tasmania could only disaggregate these data for 2008-09.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.3.

Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the actual services delivered) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Improved safety — substantiation rate after decision not to substantiate

‘Improved safety — substantiation rate after decision not to substantiate’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to reduce the risk of harm to children by appropriately assessing notifications of possible child protection incidents (box 15.25).

Box 15.25 Improved safety — substantiation rate after decision not to substantiate

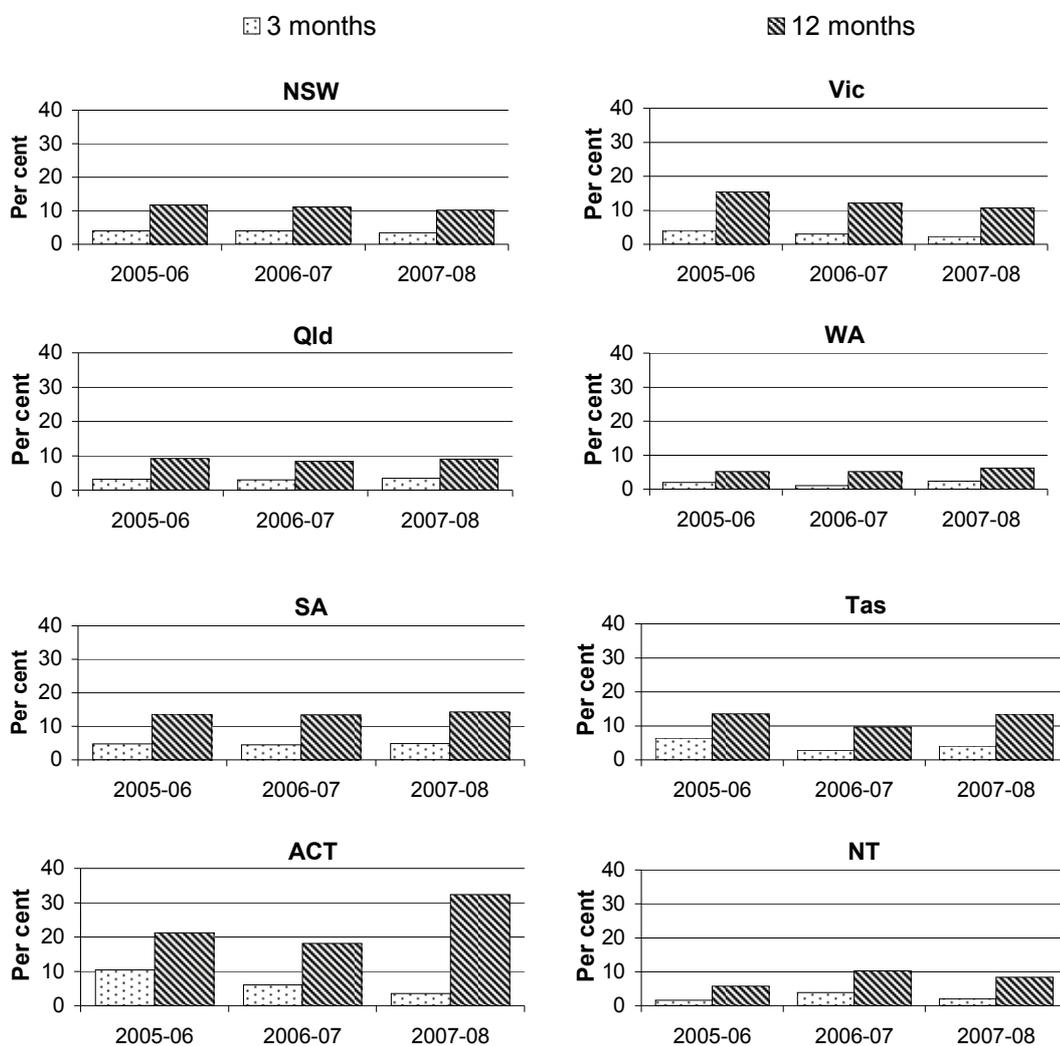
‘Improved safety — substantiation rate after decision not to substantiate’ is defined as the proportion of children who were the subject of an investigation in the previous financial year that led to a decision not to substantiate, and who were later the subject of a substantiation within 3 or 12 months of the initial decision not to substantiate. The year reported relates to the year of the initial decision not to substantiate.

A low or decreasing rate for this indicator is desirable. However, reported results can be affected by the finalisation of investigations, factors beyond the control of child protection services, or a change in circumstances after the initial decision not to substantiate was made. A demonstrable risk of harm might not have existed in the first instance. In addition, this indicator does not distinguish between subsequent substantiations which are related to the initial notification (that is, the same source of risk of harm) and those which are unrelated to the initial notification (that is, a different source of risk of harm). This indicator partly reveals the extent to which an investigation has not succeeded in identifying the risk of harm to a child who is subsequently the subject of substantiated harm. It also provides a measure of the adequacy of interventions offered to children to protect them from further harm. This indicator should be considered with other outcome indicators.

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Data that are comparable across jurisdictions are not available for this indicator, because definitions of substantiations vary across jurisdictions. Data are comparable within each jurisdiction over time unless otherwise stated (figure 15.14).

Figure 15.14 Improved safety — substantiation rate within 3 and/or 12 months after a decision not to substantiate^{a, b, c, d}



^a Data are not comparable across jurisdictions because definitions of substantiation vary significantly. Consequently, rates cannot be compared across jurisdictions. ^b Jurisdictions have provided the denominator for this indicator for this Report. In previous reports the denominator was derived by the AIHW. ^c During 2006-07 Victoria introduced new service and data reporting arrangements. Therefore data for 2006-07 may not be fully comparable to previous years' data. See source table 15A.54 for more details on these arrangements. ^d Data relating to substantiations after a decision not to substantiate in Tasmania for 2006-07 should be interpreted with care due to the high proportion of investigations in process at 31 August 2007.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia* data collection; tables 15A.9, 15A.37, 15A.54, 15A.71, 15A.88, 15A.105, 15A.122, 15A.139 and 15A.156.

Improved safety — resubstantiation rate

‘Improved safety — resubstantiation rate’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to reduce the risk of harm and to prevent the recurrence of abuse and neglect or harm to children (box 15.26).

Box 15.26 Improved safety — resubstantiation rate

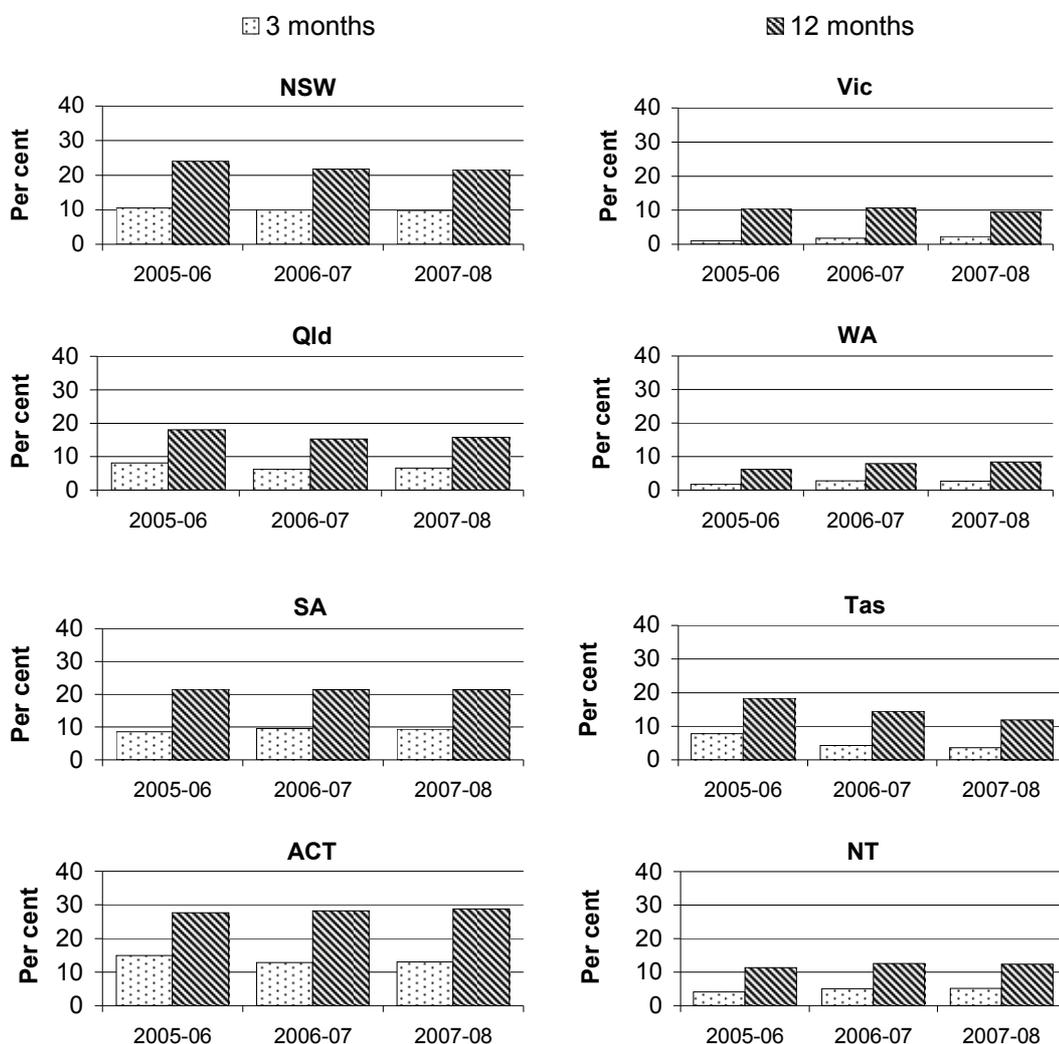
‘Improved safety — resubstantiation rate’ is defined as the proportion of children who were the subject of a substantiation in the previous financial year, who were subsequently the subject of a further substantiation within the following 3 or 12 months. The year reported relates to the year of the original substantiation.

A low or decreasing rate for this indicator is desirable. This indicator partly reveals the extent to which intervention by child protection services has succeeded in preventing further harm. However, reported results can be affected by the finalisation of investigations or factors beyond the control of child protection services, such as changes in the family situation (for example, illness, unemployment or a new partner). In addition, this indicator does not distinguish between subsequent substantiations that are related to the initial notification (that is, the same source of risk of harm) and those that are unrelated to the initial notification (that is, a different source of risk of harm). This indicator should be considered with other outcome indicators.

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Data that are comparable across jurisdictions are not available for this indicator, because definitions of substantiations vary across jurisdictions. Data are comparable within each jurisdiction over time unless otherwise stated (figure 15.15).

Figure 15.15 Improved safety — resubstantiation rate within 3 and/or 12 months after a substantiation^{a, b, c, d}



^a Data are not comparable across jurisdictions because definitions of substantiation vary significantly. Consequently, rates cannot be compared across jurisdictions. ^b Jurisdictions provided the denominator for this indicator for the 2009 Report onwards. In reports prior to the 2009 Report, the denominator was derived by the AIHW. ^c During 2006-07 Victoria introduced new service and data reporting arrangements. Therefore data for 2006-07 may not be fully comparable to previous years' data. See source table 15A.55 for more details on these arrangements. ^d Data relating to resubstantiations in Tasmania for 2006-07 should be interpreted with care due to the high proportion of investigations in process at 31 August 2007.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia* data collection; tables 15A.10, 15A.38, 15A.55, 15A.72, 15A.89, 15A.106, 15A.123, 15A.140 and 15A.157.

Improved education, health and wellbeing of the child

‘Improved education, health and wellbeing of the child’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise children’s life chances by ensuring children in care have their educational, health and wellbeing needs met (box 15.27).

Box 15.27 Improved education, health and wellbeing of the child

‘Improved education, health and wellbeing of the child’ is defined as the change over time in the learning outcomes for children on guardianship or custody orders.

An increase in learning outcomes over time for children on guardianship or custody orders indicates that their educational outcomes are improving.

However, factors outside the control of protection and support services can also influence the educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders, and care needs to be exercised when interpreting results. Further, the change over time in the learning outcomes for children on guardianship or custody orders is a partial measure of this outcome indicator.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

For the 2010 Report, data were reported on the proportion of children in years 3, 5 and 7 on guardianship or custody orders (attending government schools) achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks in 2003, relative to all children (attending government and non-government schools) achieving these benchmarks over the same period. The proportion of children on guardianship or custody orders achieving national reading and numeracy benchmarks in 2003 varied significantly across jurisdictions for which data were available (see tables 15A.11–15A.13). Information on the learning outcomes for these children is not available at a later point in time, therefore changes over time are not able to be reported.

Additional data on educational outcomes will be collected for children on guardianship or custody orders in 2004, 2005 and 2006. The longitudinal component of this study will assess any change in academic performance over time for children who were continuously on guardianship or custody orders for a two-year period (between 2003–2005 and 2004–2006). These data are anticipated to be available for the 2011 Report.

Safe return home

‘Safe return home’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to remove the risk of harm to the child while maintaining family cohesion (box 15.28).

Box 15.28 Safe return home

‘Safe return home’ is yet to be defined.

For children who cannot be protected within their family and are removed from home, often the best outcome is when effective intervention to improve their parents’ skills or capacity to care for them enables them to return home.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Permanent care

‘Permanent care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide appropriate care for children who cannot be safely reunified with their families (box 15.29).

Box 15.29 Permanent care

‘Permanent care’ is yet to be defined.

Appropriate services are those that minimise the length of time before stable, permanent placement is achieved.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

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

Improving national child protection data

The Performance and Data Working Group (previously the National Child Protection and Support Services working group) has initiated a number of national projects to improve the gaps in child protection reporting and to monitor the comparability of child protection data. Such projects, approved by the National Community Services Information Management Group (NCSIMG) and funded by the Community and Disability Services Ministerial Council (CDSMC), include: *Educational Outcomes for Children on Orders*; *Treatment and Support Services*; *National Foster Carers Data Collection*; and, *Comparability of Child Protection Data*. It is expected that these projects will enable improved child protection reporting.

COAG developments

National framework for protecting Australia's children 2009—2020

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

The National Framework argues that Australia needs to move from seeing 'protecting children' as a response to abuse and neglect to one of promoting the safety and wellbeing of children. The National Framework is intended to deliver a more integrated response to protecting Australia's children and emphasises the role of government, the non-government sector, and the community in promoting the safety and wellbeing of children.

The National Framework does not change the responsibilities of governments. State and Territory governments retain responsibility for statutory child protection and the Australian Government retains responsibility for providing income support payments.

The National Framework's main goal is to ensure that Australia's children and young people are safe and well. To measure this high-level outcome, the National Framework sets the following target: a substantial and sustained reduction in child abuse and neglect in Australia over time.

To demonstrate progress towards achieving the target of a substantial and sustained reduction in child abuse and neglect over time, the National Framework sets out four key measures:

1. Trends in key national indicators of children's health, development and wellbeing.
2. Trends in hospital admissions and emergency department visits for neglect and injuries to children under three years.
3. Trends in substantiated child protection cases.

4. Trends in the number of children in out-of-home care.

The National Framework also identifies six supporting outcomes which are designed to focus efforts and actions under the National Framework in progress towards the high level outcome of ensuring Australia's children and young people are safe and well. The six supporting outcomes are:

1. Children live in safe and supportive families and communities.
2. Children and families access adequate support to promote safety and intervene early.
3. Risk factors for child abuse and neglect are addressed.
4. Children who have been abused or neglected receive the support and care they need for their safety and wellbeing.
5. Indigenous children are supported and safe in their families and communities.
6. Child sexual abuse and exploitation is prevented and survivors receive adequate support.

The National Framework acknowledges the inherent difficulties in measuring the specific impact of services and interventions on high-level social outcomes. As such, the National Framework contains a broad suite of indicators ("indicators of change"), which will be reported on annually in order to measure progress over the life of the National Framework (2009–2020).

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

Report on Government Services alignment with National Agreement reporting

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

Outcomes from review of Report on Government Services

COAG agreed to Terms of Reference for a Heads of Treasuries/Senior Officials review of the Report in November 2008, to report to COAG by end-September 2009. The review examined the ongoing usefulness of the Report in the context of new national reporting under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

No significant changes from this review are reflected in the 2010 Report. Any COAG endorsed recommendations from the review are likely to be implemented for the 2011 Report.

15.5 Profile of juvenile justice services

Service overview

Juvenile justice systems are responsible for attending to young people (predominantly aged 10–17 years) who have committed or allegedly committed an offence while considered by law to be a juvenile. In so doing, juvenile justice systems aim to promote community safety and reduce youth offending by assisting young people to address their offending behaviour and take responsibility for the effect their behaviour has on victims and the wider community.

The juvenile justice system in each State and Territory comprises:

- police, who are usually a young person’s first point of contact with the system
- courts (usually a special children’s or youth court), where matters relating to the charges against young people are heard. The courts are largely responsible for decisions regarding bail, remand and sentencing
- statutory juvenile justice agencies, which are responsible for the supervision and case management of young people on a range of legal and administrative orders, and for the provision of a wide range of services aimed at crime prevention and reduction
- non-government and community service providers who may work with juvenile justice agencies to provide services and programs for young people under supervision.

The majority of young people who come into contact with the juvenile justice system do not become clients of statutory juvenile justice agencies. Instead, young people are diverted through a range of mechanisms including contact with police (who have the authority to issue warnings, formal cautions and infringement notices for minor offences) and the courts (which can issue non-supervised orders for minor offences).

The content in this chapter relates to the services provided by statutory juvenile justice agencies that are responsible for the supervision and case management of young people who have committed or allegedly committed an offence.

Most of the juvenile justice information contained in the ‘size and scope’ section of this chapter is sourced from the Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS), which is maintained by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). However, in some cases, information is sourced directly from State and Territory governments.

The performance indicator data contained in section 15.6 are sourced directly from State and Territory governments (box 15.29).

Roles and responsibilities

Responsibility for the provision of juvenile justice services in Australia resides with State and Territory governments. The relevant department in each State and Territory responsible for funding and/or providing juvenile justice services in 2008-09 is listed in box 15.29. Each jurisdiction has its own legislation that determines the policies and practices of its juvenile justice system. While this legislation varies in detail, its intent is similar across jurisdictions. National coordination takes place through the Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA). AJJA is a Standing Committee of the Community and Disability Services Ministerial Advisory Council (CDSMAC).

Box 15.29 Government departments responsible for the delivery of juvenile justice services

<i>NSW</i>	Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
<i>VIC</i>	Department of Human Services (DHS)
<i>QLD</i>	Department of Communities (DOC)
<i>WA</i>	Department of Corrective Services (DCS)
<i>SA</i>	Department for Families and Communities (DFC)
<i>TAS</i>	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
<i>ACT</i>	Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services (DHCS)
<i>NT</i>	Department of Justice (DOJ)

Diversion of young offenders

Responsibility for administering the options available for diverting young people who have committed or allegedly committed relatively minor offences — warnings (informal cautions), formal cautions, and infringement notices — rests mainly with police in all jurisdictions. Responsibility for administering the diversionary processes available for more serious offences lies with juvenile justice authorities and courts. Comparable and extensive national data are not yet available to illustrate the nature or level of diversion undertaken by Australian jurisdictions. However, Police services (chapter 6) provides data on the number of juveniles who are diverted by police, as a proportion of all juvenile offenders formally dealt with by police (table 6A.42).

Funding

Comparable State and Territory governments' expenditure data on juvenile justice services are not currently available. Comparable juvenile justice funding information is being developed for future Reports.

Size and scope

Clients of juvenile justice agencies

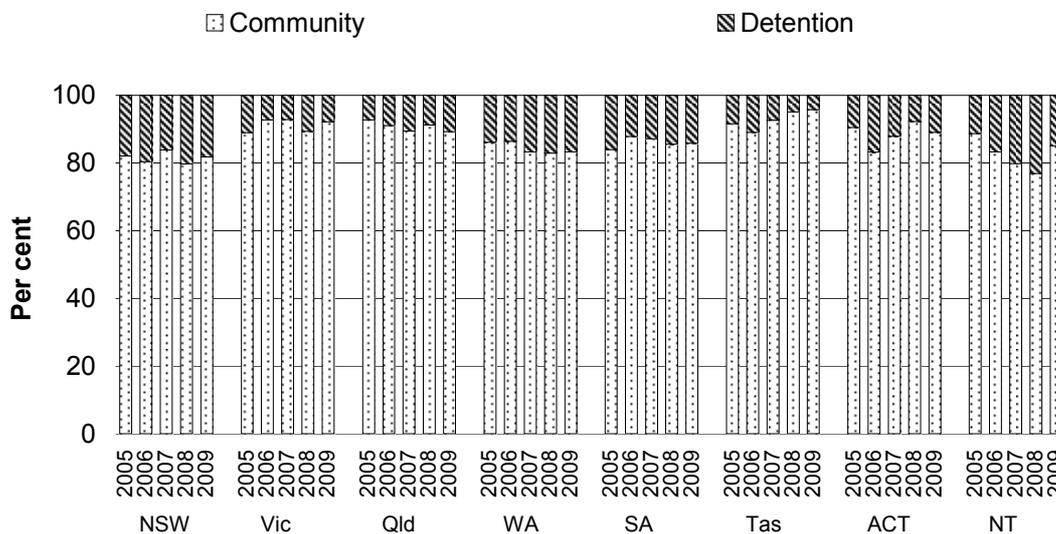
Most young people who are supervised by juvenile justice agencies are on community-based orders, which include supervised bail, probation and parole. During 2007-08, 12 102¹ young people experienced juvenile justice supervision in Australia. Of these young people, 10 948² experienced community-based supervision, 3945³ experienced detention-based supervision, with some young people experiencing both (AIHW 2009a; NSW Government, unpublished).

Nationally, the majority of young people aged 10–17 years supervised by juvenile justice services were in the community (between 81.8 per cent and 95.8 per cent), (figure 15.16). These figures do not include any juveniles aged 10–17 years who were supervised in the adult correctional system.

These data were collected at a point in time, so they need to be interpreted with care, particularly for jurisdictions with smaller populations where a small change to the number of young people in detention can make a significant difference to their relative proportion.

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- ¹ The total number of young people who experienced juvenile justice supervision (12 102 young people) was reached by summing data sourced from the Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS) for all Australian States and Territories except NSW (9540 young people) and data sourced directly from the NSW Government (2562 young people).
 - ² The total number of young people who experienced community-based juvenile justice supervision (10 948 young people) was reached by summing data sourced from the JJ NMDS for all Australian States and Territories except NSW (8592 young people) and data sourced directly from the NSW Government (2356 young people).
 - ³ The total number of young people who experienced detention-based supervision (3945 young people) was reached by summing data sourced from the JJ NMDS for all Australian States and Territories except NSW (3378 young people) and data sourced directly from the NSW Government (567 young people).

Figure 15.16 Proportion of juvenile justice clients aged 10–17 years who were supervised in the community and in detention centres, at 30 June^{a, b, c, d}



^a Includes only those young people who were under the supervision or case management of juvenile justice agencies on a pre- or post-sentence legal arrangement or order (for example, supervised bail, remand, a community services order, parole and detention). ^b Juvenile justice agencies have additional clients in detention and community supervision who are over 17 years of age. This figure does not include juvenile justice clients over 17 years of age at 30 June. ^c Clients can be on multiple orders at any one time. The distribution in the figure, therefore, is based not on order type but on where the client was located at 30 June. ^d Refer to table 15A.169 for detailed footnotes.

Source: AIHW unpublished (data supplied by State and Territory governments); table 15A.169.

Juvenile detention

As outlined above, the majority of juvenile offenders are supervised in the community. The following data sourced from the JJ NMDS and the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) relate to juvenile detention only (young people both on remand and sentenced). As jurisdictions have different definitions of a juvenile, this may affect the number and rates reported.

Nationally, the daily average number of people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention centres increased from 590 to 814 between 2003-04 and 2007-08 (table 15.4).

Table 15.4 Daily average population of people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number)^{a, b, c}

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04	209	62	91	122	50	26	18	13	590
2004-05	218	53	89	110	58	33	15	22	596
2005-06	244	53	127	115	39	27	13	17	634
2006-07	277	48	138	132	42	19	14	26	696
2007-08	338	63	143	154	55	24	13	24	814

^a Average based on population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year. ^b Due to rounding, the Australian total may differ from the combined total of all jurisdictions. ^c Refer to table 15A.170 for detailed footnotes.

Source: AIHW Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS) (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished); table 15A.170.

The average rate of detention of young people aged 10–17 years per 100 000 in the population aged 10–17 years increased from 26.8 per 100 000 in 2003-04 to 35.9 per 100 000 in 2007-08, with rates varying across jurisdictions (table 15A.171).

Nationally, females made up 8.5 per cent of the total population of juvenile detention centres at 30 June 2008. Males made up 91.5 per cent of the national population of juvenile detention centres at 30 June 2008 (table 15A.172).

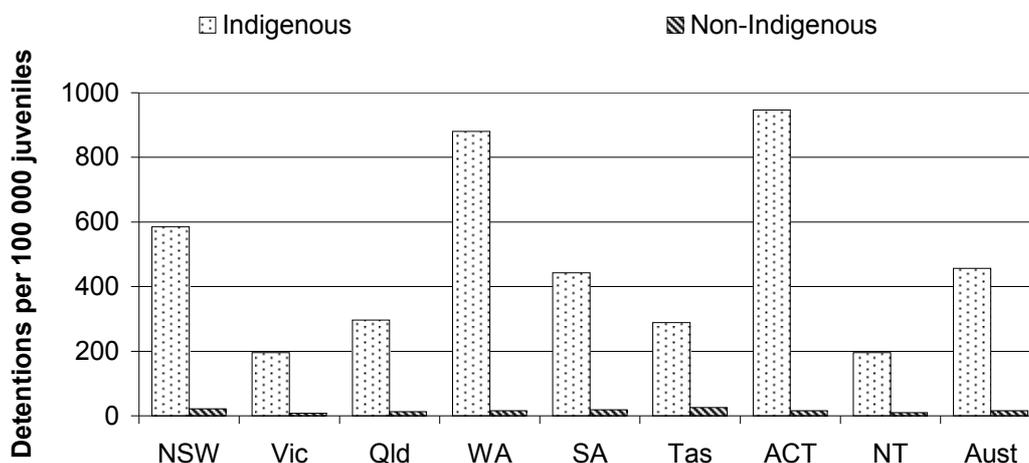
Numbers and rates of Indigenous young people placed in detention

The daily average number of Indigenous young people aged 10–17 years detained in juvenile detention centres was 469 in 2007-08 (table 15A.173). Nationally, the daily average detention rate for Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in 2007-08 was 456.1 per 100 000 Indigenous people aged 10–17 years. The rate for the non-Indigenous population aged 10–17 years in 2007-08 was 15.3 per 100 000 non-Indigenous people aged 10-17 years (table 15A.174).

Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for jurisdictions with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.

The over-representation of Indigenous young people in detention across jurisdictions in 2007-08 is shown in figure 15.17.

Figure 15.17 Average rate of detention of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people, 2007-08^{a, b}



^a Rates of detention for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in NSW in each quarter in 2007-08 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. ^b The ACT rate for Indigenous young people should be treated with caution due to the small Indigenous population in the ACT. The rate ratio at table 15A.174 should also be taken into account.

Source: AIHW JJ NMDS (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished); table 15A.174.

15.6 Framework of performance indicators for juvenile justice services

The performance indicator framework for juvenile justice services is based on a set of shared government objectives (box 15.30).

Box 15.30 Objectives for juvenile justice services

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

- assisting young people to address their offending behaviour and take responsibility for the effect their behaviour has on victims and the wider community
- enabling the interests and views of victims to be heard
- contributing to the diversion of young offenders to alternative services
- recognising the importance of the families and communities of young offenders, particularly Indigenous communities, in the provision of services and programs
- providing services that are designed to rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community.

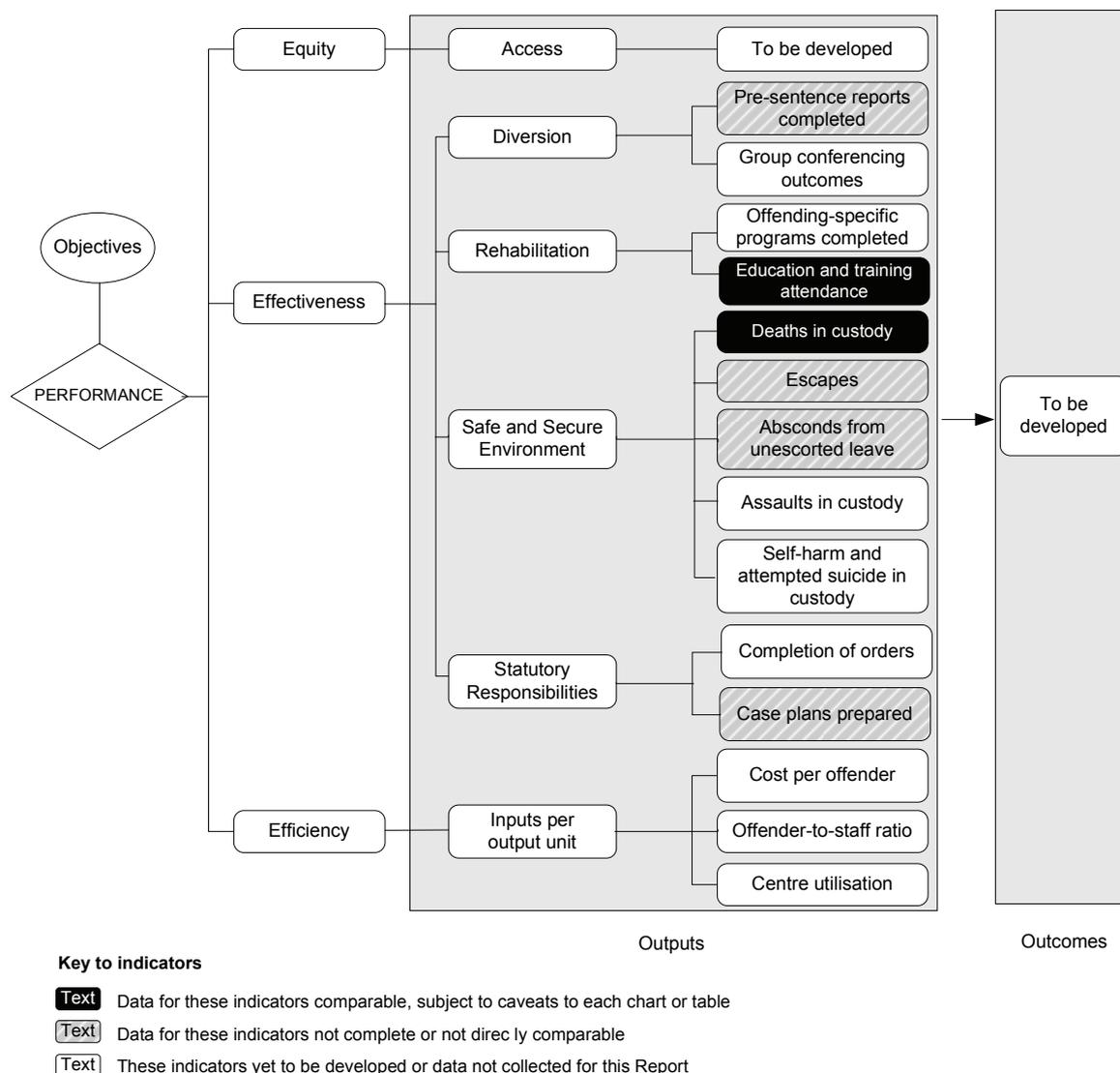
Juvenile justice services should be provided in an equitable, efficient and effective manner.

A performance indicator framework for juvenile justice services was included for the first time in the 2009 Report (figure 15.18). Further development of the framework and reporting for indicators included in the framework is being undertaken according to a staged process. Data for six performance indicators are included in this Report along with supporting text which includes relevant caveats and commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability from a Report-wide perspective (see section 1.6).

This Report also includes new performance indicator boxes for seven other juvenile justice performance indicators. It is anticipated that data for these indicators will be available for the 2011 Report. The remaining performance indicators in the juvenile justice performance indicator framework, and additional efficiency and outcome indicators, will be developed for inclusion in future Reports.

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

Figure 15.18 Performance indicators for juvenile justice services



Outputs

Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Equity and access

Equity and access indicators are a key area for further development in future reports. These will be indicators of governments' objective to ensure that all clients have fair and equitable access to services on the basis of relative need and available resources. These indicators are under development.

Effectiveness

Diversion — pre-sentence reports completed

Pre-sentence reports are written reports that provide a court with pertinent information to assist in sentencing. ‘Pre-sentence reports completed’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that accurate and timely advice is provided to the court to inform decision-making (box 15.31).

Box 15.31 Pre-sentence reports completed

‘Pre-sentence reports completed’ is defined as the number of written reports provided by juvenile justice agencies to a court in response to a request for a pre-sentence report, as a proportion of all court requests to juvenile justice agencies for written pre-sentence reports.

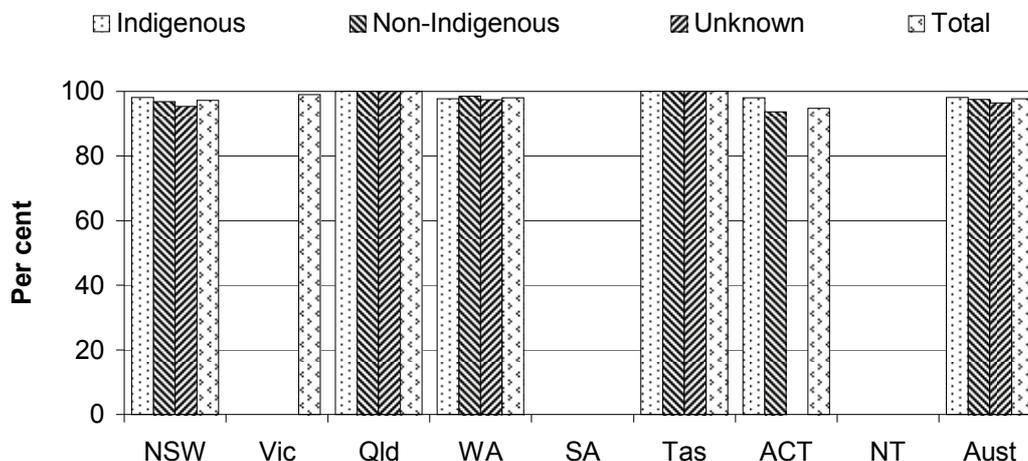
A pre-sentence report provides a court with relevant information about the assessed factors that contributed to a young person’s offence and explores programs and services that could be provided to address a young person’s offending behaviour. A pre-sentence report is prepared when ordered by a court after a young person has pleaded or has been found guilty of an offence.

A high or increasing percentage of pre-sentence reports completed is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

The percentage of pre-sentence reports completed varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.19). Nationally, 97.7 per cent of all court requests for pre-sentence reports were completed.

Figure 15.19 Proportion of pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies, 2008-09^{a, b, c}



^a Data were not available for SA and the NT. ^b Victoria was unable to provide (1) the number of court requests for pre-sentence reports during 2008-09 and (2) the number of reports provided by the juvenile justice agency. These data will be available for future Reports. For 2008-09, a total percentage was collected by surveying staff. ^c Refer to table 15A.176 for detailed footnotes.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.176.

Diversion — group conferencing outcomes

Group conferences are decision-making forums that aim to minimise the progression of young people into the juvenile justice system, and provide restorative justice. ‘Group conferencing outcomes’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to divert young people from the juvenile justice system and address their offending needs (box 15.32).

Box 15.32 Group conferencing outcomes

'Group conferencing' is defined as the number of young people who receive group conferencing and who as a result reach an agreement, as a proportion of all young people who receive group conferencing.

A high rate for this indicator is desirable.

Data for this indicator should be interpreted with caution as the provision of group conferencing differs across jurisdictions in relation to: (a) its place in the court process (for example, whether young people are referred by police before court processes begin, or by the court as an alternative to sentencing), (b) the consequences for young people if they do not comply with the outcome plans of a conference, and (c) eligibility for group conferencing.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report. Group conferencing data are expected to be available for inclusion in the 2011 Report.

Rehabilitation — offending-specific programs completed

Offending-specific programs aim to address young offenders' criminogenic behaviours to reduce their risk of re-offending. 'Offending-specific programs completed' is an indicator of governments' objective of providing program interventions that are designed to rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community (for example, Changing Habits and Reaching Targets program, drug counselling programs, sex offender treatment programs) (box 15.33).

Box 15.33 Offending-specific programs completed

'Offending-specific programs completed' is defined as the percentage of young people who completed an offending-specific program while completing a supervised sentenced order (whether a community-based order or a detention order) as a proportion of all young people completing a supervised sentenced order who were assessed as requiring an offending-specific program to address their criminogenic behaviour.

A high or increasing rate for offending-specific programs is desirable.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report. Offending-specific programs data are expected to be available for inclusion in the 2011 Report.

Rehabilitation — education and training attendance

'Education and training attendance' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide program interventions in education and training to rehabilitate young

offenders and increase their chances of successfully re-integrating into the community (box 15.34).

Box 15.34 Education and training attendance

'Education and training attendance' is defined by two measures:

- the number of young people of compulsory school age in detention attending an education course, as a percentage of all young people of compulsory school age in detention
- the number of young people not of compulsory school age in detention attending an education or training course, as a percentage of all young people not of compulsory school age in detention.

Compulsory school age refers to individual State and Territory requirements for a young person to participate in school which are based primarily on age (see chapter 4 of the Report for further information).

Education or training course refers to school education or an accredited education or training course under the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Exclusions include young people not under juvenile justice supervision (for example, in police custody) and young people whose situation might exclude their participation in education programs (including young people who are: on temporary leave, work release, medically unable to participate, in isolation, and on remand or sentenced for less than 7 days).

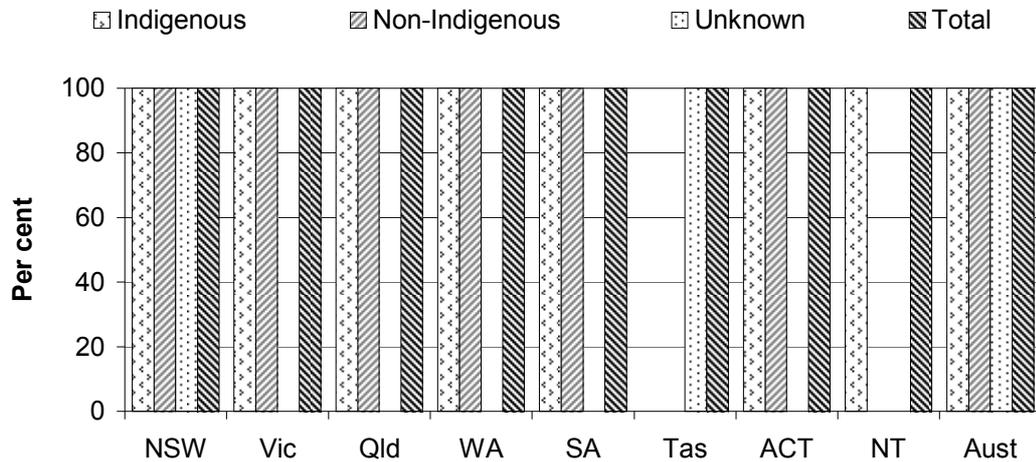
A high or increasing percentage of young people attending education and training is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

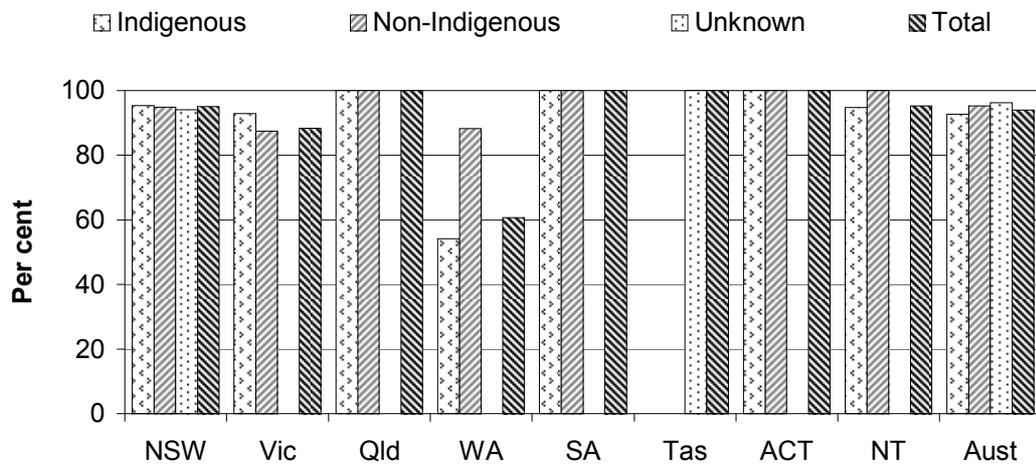
Nationally, all young people of compulsory school age in detention were attending education in 2008-09 (figure 15.20(a)). There was variation across jurisdictions in the proportion of young people *not* of compulsory school age attending an accredited education or training course. Nationally, 94.0 per cent of young people in detention not of compulsory school age were attending an accredited education or training course (figure 15.20(b)).

Figure 15.20 Proportion of young people in detention attending an accredited education or training course, 2008-09^a

(a) School-aged young people in detention attending an education course



(b) Young people not of compulsory school age attending education or training



^a Refer to table 15A.178 for detailed footnotes.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.178.

Safe and secure environment — deaths in custody

‘Deaths in custody’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that juvenile justice agencies provide a safe and secure environment for young people in custody (box 15.35).

Box 15.35 Deaths in custody

‘Deaths in custody’ is defined as the number of young people who died while in custody.

The scope of this indicator is restricted to those young people who died while in the legal and/or physical custody of a juvenile justice agency and those who died in, or en route to, an external medical facility as a result of becoming ill or being injured in custody (even if not escorted by juvenile justice agency workers).

A zero or decreasing deaths in custody rate is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

No young people died while in the legal or physical custody of an Australian juvenile justice agency in 2008-09 (table 15A.177).

Safe and secure environment — escapes

‘Escapes’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that juvenile justice agencies provide a safe and secure environment for young people in custody, and the community (box 15.36).

Box 15.36 Escapes

‘Escapes’ is defined by two measures:

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

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

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

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Box 15.36 (Continued)

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

A zero escape rate is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

Nationally, there was a total of 4 escapes from juvenile justice detention in 2008-09, which was equivalent to 0.1 escapes per 10 000 young people in juvenile justice detention in 2008-09 (table 15.5).

Table 15.5 Rate and number of escapes from juvenile justice detention centres, by Indigenous status, 2008-09^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Rate per 10 000 detainees									
Indigenous	0.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.2
Non-Indigenous	0.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1
Unknown	–	–	..	–	–	..	..	..	–
Total	0.3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1
Number of escapes									
Indigenous	3.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3.0
Non-Indigenous	1.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1.0
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	4.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.0

^a Refer to table 15A.179 for detailed footnotes. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.179.

Nationally, there was a total of 5 escapes from escorted movements in 2008-09, which was equivalent to 3.0 escapes per 10 000 periods of escorted movement in 2008-09 (table 15.6). The number of escapes from escorted movement in 2008-09 varied across jurisdictions.

Table 15.6 Rate and number of escapes from escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Rate per 10 000 periods of escorted movement									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	10.2	–	–	na	1.5
Non-Indigenous	5.3	–	–	–	–	na	–	na	4.6
Unknown	–	..	..	..	..	–	–	–	–
Total	3.0	–	–	–	3.6	28.1	–	–	3.1
Number of escapes									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	1.0	–	–	na	1.0
Non-Indigenous	2.0	–	–	–	–	2.0	–	na	4.0
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	2.0	–	–	–	1.0	2.0	–	–	5.0

^a Refer to table 15A.179 for detailed footnotes. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.179.

Safe and secure environment — absconds from unescorted leave

‘Absconds from unescorted leave’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to appropriately manage young people while they are in the legal custody of a juvenile justice detention centre (box 15.37).

This includes the provision of appropriate assessment, planning and supervision to enable young people to undertake unescorted temporary leave from detention centres. Unescorted leave may be undertaken for the purposes of providing rehabilitation interventions and activities such as education, training and employment.

Box 15.37 Absconds from unescorted leave

‘Absconds from unescorted leave’ is defined as the number of young people who have unescorted temporary leave and fail to return to custody, as a proportion of all young people who have unescorted temporary leave.

A zero or low, or decreasing rate of absconds from unescorted leave is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

Nationally, there were no absconds from unescorted leave in 2008-09 (table 15A.180). There were no periods of unescorted leave in Queensland and Western Australia.

Safe and secure environment — assaults in custody

‘Assaults in custody’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide a custodial environment that is safe and secure in order to rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community (box 15.38).

Box 15.38 Assaults in custody

‘Assaults in custody’ is defined as the rate of detainees and staff members who sustain an injury or who are sexually assaulted as a result of an assault perpetrated by one or more detainees, as a proportion of the number of detainees in custody.

A zero or low, or decreasing assaults in custody rate is desirable.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report. Assaults in custody data are expected to be available for inclusion in the 2011 Report.

Safe and secure environment — self-harm and attempted suicide in custody

‘Self-harm and attempted suicide in custody’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide a custodial environment that is safe and secure in order to rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community (box 15.39).

Box 15.39 Self-harm and attempted suicide in custody

‘Self-harm and attempted suicide in custody’ is defined as the number of incidents of self-harm and attempted suicide in custody as a proportion of the number of detainees in custody.

A zero or low, or decreasing self-harm and attempted suicide in custody rate is desirable.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report. Self-harm and attempted suicide data are expected to be available for inclusion in the 2011 Report.

Statutory responsibilities — completion of orders

‘Completion of orders’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to effectively rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community (box 15.40).

Box 15.40 Completion of orders

‘Completion of orders’ is defined as the proportion of sentenced community-based supervised orders successfully completed. An order is considered to be successfully completed where the earliest order expiry date or the order termination date is reached and breach is neither pending nor finalised.

A high or increasing proportion of orders successfully completed is desirable. However, where offenders are non-compliant and pose a risk, breach action (an unsuccessful completion) may be warranted. As a result, a completion rate less than 100 per cent may not necessarily indicate poor performance, and may reflect appropriate supervision of young people on community-based supervision orders.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report. Completion of orders data are expected to be available for inclusion in the 2011 Report.

Statutory responsibilities — case plans prepared

‘Case plans prepared’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that juvenile justice agencies support young people to minimise the likelihood of re-offending by addressing their offending-related needs (box 15.41).

Box 15.41 Case plans prepared

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

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

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

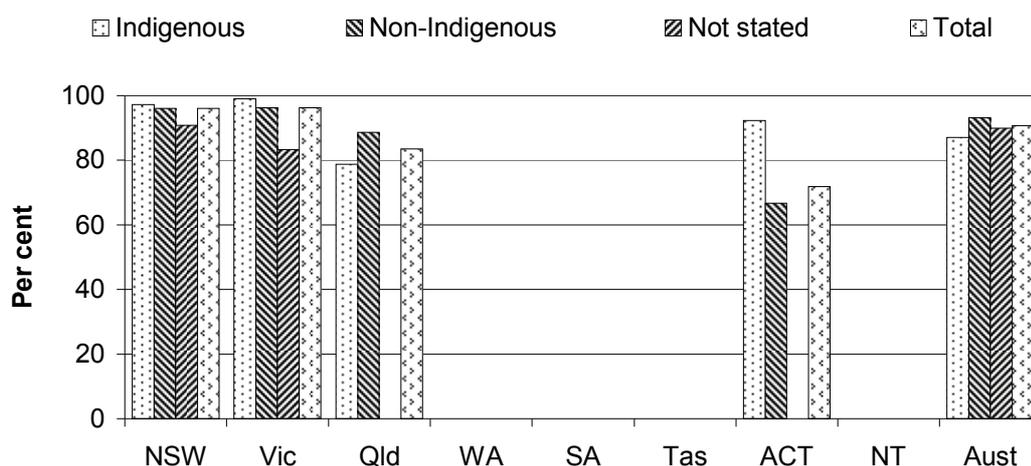
A high or increasing rate of case plans prepared is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete.

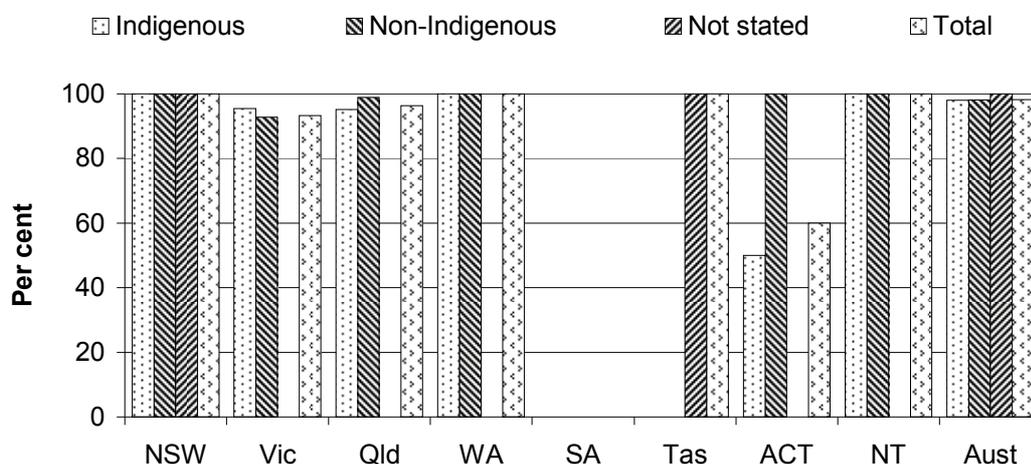
Nationally, 90.7 per cent of case plans were prepared within six weeks of commencing a sentenced community-based order in 2008-09 (figure 15.21(a)). Nationally, 98.2 per cent of case plans were prepared within six weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order in 2008-09 (figure 15.21(b)). Proportions varied across jurisdictions.

Figure 15.21 Proportion of case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing sentenced detention orders and sentenced community-based orders, by Indigenous status, 2008-09^a

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



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



^a Refer to table 15A.181 for detailed footnotes. ^b Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced community-based order were not available for WA, SA, Tasmania and the NT. ^c Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order were not available for SA.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.181.

Efficiency

Cost per offender

‘Cost per offender’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide juvenile justice services in an efficient manner (box 15.42).

Box 15.42 Cost per offender

‘Cost per offender’ is yet to be defined.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report.

Offender-to-staff ratio

‘Offender-to-staff ratio’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide juvenile justice services in an efficient manner (box 15.43).

Box 15.43 Offender-to-staff ratio

‘Offender-to-staff ratio’ comprises two measures: (1) the number of young people requiring community-based supervision relative to the number of community-based staff, and (2) the number of young people in detention relative to the number of detention centre staff.

The number of staff relative to (1) the number of young people requiring community-based supervision; and (2) the number of young people in detention provides a measure of efficient resource management by juvenile justice agencies. A high ratio suggests better performance towards achieving efficient resource management. However, this indicator needs to be interpreted with caution as a lower ratio of staff to young people may result in more effective performance, particularly with high risk young offenders who possess significant offence-related needs. Further, in some cases, efficiencies may not be able to be realised due to remote geographic locations that limit opportunities to reduce overheads through economies of scale.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report. Offender-to-staff ratio data are expected to be available for inclusion in the 2011 Report.

Centre utilisation

‘Centre utilisation’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide juvenile justice services in an efficient manner (box 15.44).

Box 15.44 Centre utilisation

Centre utilisation is defined as the number of detainees in detention centres as a proportion of the number of permanently funded beds. This indicator partially measures both effective and efficient performance.

Detention centres operating at higher capacities is desirable from an efficient resource management perspective. However, detention centres operating at or above capacity might be ineffective due to the consequences for rehabilitation when centres are over crowded. Centres also need to make provision for separately detaining various classes of young offenders (for example, boys and girls, offenders requiring different security levels, young people of different ages and young people on remand and sentenced). These factors require utilisation rates that are below full capacity.

This indicator also has application to the efficient use of publicly funded resources. Centres that are built at a point in time need to be able to justify significant under use, if that occurs in future years, where that under use cannot reasonably be explained by the factors listed above.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2010 Report. Centre utilisation data are expected to be available for inclusion in the 2011 Report.

Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the actual services delivered) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Outcome indicators for juvenile justice services are yet to be developed. The Steering Committee has identified outcome indicators as an important element of the juvenile justice performance indicator framework to develop for future reports.

15.7 Future directions in juvenile justice reporting

The Juvenile Justice Research and Information Group (JJ RIG), a working group of the AJJA, is responsible for developing national performance indicators for juvenile justice.

The indicators are being developed in three stages:

- Stage 1 indicators — data for stage 1 indicators are included in section 15.6. Reporting for some of these indicators is incomplete and will be subject to further refinement in future Reports.
- Stage 2 indicators — descriptions of stage 2 indicators are included in performance indicator boxes in section 15.6. Data for these indicators are expected to be included in the 2011 Report.
- Stage 3 indicators — the development of remaining equity, efficiency, and outcome indicators will follow the completion of stages 1 and 2.

Outcomes from review of Report on Government Services

COAG agreed to Terms of Reference for a Heads of Treasuries/Senior Officials review of the Report in November 2008, to report to COAG by end-September 2009. The review examined the ongoing usefulness of the Report in the context of new national reporting under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

No significant changes from this review are reflected in the 2010 Report. Any COAG endorsed recommendations from the review are likely to be implemented for the 2011 Report.

15.8 Profile of supported accommodation and assistance services

Service overview

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

The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) was established in 1985 to bring homelessness programs funded by individual State and Territory governments and the Australian Government under one nationally coordinated program. The most recent program (SAAP V 2005-2010, but replaced on 1 January 2009) was governed by the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1994*. The Act specified that the overall aim of SAAP was to provide transitional supported accommodation and related support services to assist people who are homeless to achieve self-reliance and independence. Within this broad aim, the goals of the SAAP program were to resolve crises, to re-establish family links where appropriate, and to re-establish a capacity to live independently of SAAP services.

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

In January 2008, the Australian Government announced its intention to develop a long-term national plan to reduce homelessness. As part of this process, the Australian Government released a Green Paper in May 2008 entitled *Which way home? A new approach to homelessness*. The Green Paper sought community input on possible strategies and initiatives to address homelessness in Australia (Commonwealth of Australia 2008a).

After extensive consultation, the Australian Government released a White Paper in December 2008 entitled *The road home: A national approach to reducing homelessness* (Australian Government 2008b). The White Paper set out two main goals: (1) to halve overall homelessness by 2020; and (2) to offer supported accommodation to all 'rough sleepers' who need assistance by 2020. The White Paper is supported by a new funding package under the *National Affordable Housing Agreement* (NAHA) released by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in November 2008 (COAG 2008). As a result of these reforms, the

SAAP V Multilateral Agreement (2005-2010) ended on 31 December 2008, with the NAHA and associated agreements and partnerships commencing 1 January 2009.

The NAHA provides a framework for the Australian Government and State and Territory governments to work together to improve housing affordability and homelessness outcomes for Australians. The objective of the NAHA is that all Australians have access to affordable, safe and sustainable housing that contributes to social and economic participation. Under the NAHA, Australian governments are committed to:

- providing direction for a range of measures including: social housing; assistance to people in the private rental market; support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and home purchase assistance
- working towards improving coordination across housing related programs to make better use of existing stock and under-utilised government assets and achieve better integration between housing and human services, including health and disability services
- reducing the rate of homelessness (COAG 2008).

SAAP data for 2007-08 are included in this Report. These data are not affected by the introduction of the NAHA in January 2009. Selected SAAP financial data are included for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008, when the SAAP V ended.

SAAP and the link with other services

Families and children in crisis are often subject to considerable stress, violence and transience, all of which have a negative impact on children. As a result, some children assisted by SAAP may have also had contact with child protection and out-of-home care services, or may have been subject to a current or past care and protection order. In 2007-08, 76 900 children accompanied a parent or guardian who received substantial SAAP support (AIHW 2009b).⁴ Research using 2004-05 data indicates that in 40.5 per cent of support periods involving adults with accompanying children, domestic violence was the main reason SAAP support was sought (AIHW 2006b).

Close links also exist with other forms of housing assistance reported in the Housing chapter of the Report (chapter 16). Chapter 16 focuses on the performance

⁴ The term ‘substantial’ in ‘substantial SAAP support’ is a term used in the SAAP data collection to denote SAAP support for a person defined as a SAAP client during a support period (see section 15.13 for definitions of SAAP ‘client’ and ‘support period’). It does not convey a measure of the number of distinct support services or duration of support.

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

Some individuals and families utilised both SAAP services and services described in the Housing chapter, as people can move from homelessness to social housing, or might be in receipt of SAAP services and accommodated in social housing.⁵ For example, in 2007-08, approximately 17.1 per cent of former SAAP clients, who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing, had moved to public housing (table 15A.202).

Size and scope

Homelessness has multiple causes and can affect anyone (Australian Government 2008b). On census night in 2006, there were approximately 105 000 homeless people (Chamberlain and MacKenzie 2008). SAAP provided accommodation to approximately 19 per cent of the homeless population on Census night in 2006 according to the ABS Counting the Homeless 2006 report (ABS, 2008).

SAAP agencies provided a range of support services to various client groups comprising people who were homeless or at risk of homelessness. SAAP clients included families, single men and women, and unaccompanied children and young people. Nationally, in 2007-08, SAAP agencies provided support to 202 500 people (125 600 clients and 76 900 accompanying children) (AIHW 2009b).

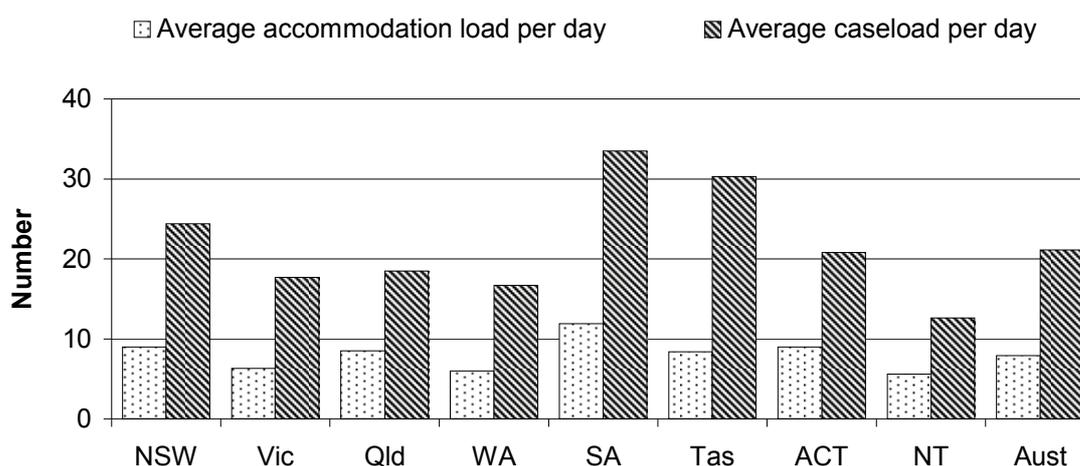
At least 1562 agencies were funded under the SAAP program in 2007-08, including non-government, community and local government agencies (AIHW 2009b) (table 15A.183). Services were delivered in 2007-08 by SAAP agencies targeting:

- young people (35.4 per cent of agencies)
- women escaping domestic violence (23.0 per cent)
- families (8.3 per cent)
- single men (6.5 per cent)
- single women (3.1 per cent)
- multiple client groups (23.6 per cent) (table 15A.183).

⁵ Social housing is generally understood to include public and community housing. For further information on these forms of housing assistance, see chapter 16 (box 16.2).

The daily average accommodation load and caseload per agency was 7.9 and 21.1 respectively, and this varied across jurisdictions in 2007-08 (figure 15.22).

Figure 15.22 Average accommodation load and caseload per day, 2007—08^a



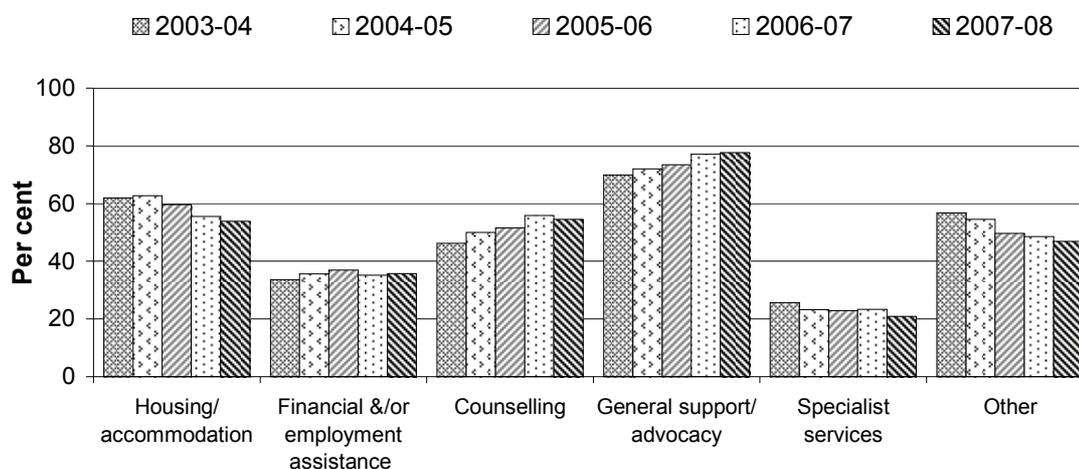
^a See notes to table 15A.201 for descriptions of how accommodation load and caseload are estimated.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); table 15A.201.

SAAP agencies varied in their service delivery model. The most common models in 2007-08 were the provision of medium term to long term supported accommodation (41.2 per cent) and the provision of crisis or short term supported accommodation (30.9 per cent). SAAP agencies also provided services other than accommodation, such as outreach support, day support, and telephone information and referral. The proportions of agencies delivering particular service models remained relatively stable from 2003-04 to 2007-08 (table 15A.184).

Housing and accommodation services were provided in 53.9 per cent of support periods. General support and advocacy (77.6 per cent), counselling (54.5 per cent), financial and employment assistance (35.7 per cent), and specialist services (20.9 per cent) were also commonly provided. There has been some change in the proportions of types of services provided by SAAP agencies over time (figure 15.23). For example, in 2003-04, housing and accommodation constituted 62.0 per cent of support periods and counselling (formerly ‘personal support’) constituted 46.2 per cent.

Figure 15.23 Services received during a SAAP support period^a



^a Totals do not add to 100 per cent because agencies may provide more than one type of service during a single support period.

Source: SAAP National Data Collection Agency (NDCA), *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); table 15A.182.

Roles and responsibilities

SAAP was jointly funded by the Australian, State and Territory governments. The Coordination and Development Committee (CAD) of senior Australian, State and Territory government officials oversaw the development and implementation of the program at the national level, including coordination of research, strategy, and other planning and development activities. State and Territory governments were responsible for the day-to-day management of the program, including the distribution of funding to SAAP funded agencies (box 15.45 contains a list of relevant departments in 2008-09). Non-government agencies delivered most SAAP services with some local government participation.

Box 15.45 Departments responsible for managing the Supported Accommodation and Assistance Program (SAAP)

<i>NSW</i>	Department of Community Services (DOCS) (now the Department of Human Services)
<i>VIC</i>	Department of Human Services (DHS)
<i>QLD</i>	Department of Communities (DOC)
<i>WA</i>	Department for Child Protection (DCP)
<i>SA</i>	Department for Families and Communities (DFC)
<i>TAS</i>	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
<i>ACT</i>	Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services (DHCS)
<i>NT</i>	Department of Health and Families (DHF)
<i>Aust</i>	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)

Funding

Recurrent funding of SAAP services for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008 was approximately \$191.6 million (table 15A.186), of which the Australian Government contributed 50.1 per cent and State and Territory governments contributed 49.9 per cent (table 15A.185). From 2004-05 until 2007-08, the contribution from State and Territory governments increased as a proportion of the overall recurrent SAAP funding, remaining relatively stable between 2007-08 and 2008-09 (table 15A.185).

Nationally, real recurrent SAAP funding per head of population remained relatively stable from 2004-05 to 2008-09, noting that the funding per head of population provided for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008 is approximately half that recorded for previous financial years (table 15A.187). These figures varied across jurisdictions.

In 2008-09, in addition to the amounts determined in agreements between State and Territory governments and the Australian Government, some jurisdictions made recurrent allocations to SAAP services or SAAP-like activities (for example, to assist service viability). These additional funds are not included in the above figures.

15.9 Framework of performance indicators for supported accommodation and assistance services

The performance indicator framework for supported accommodation and assistance services is based on shared government objectives for SAAP services (box 15.46).

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

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

Box 15.46 Objectives for SAAP services

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

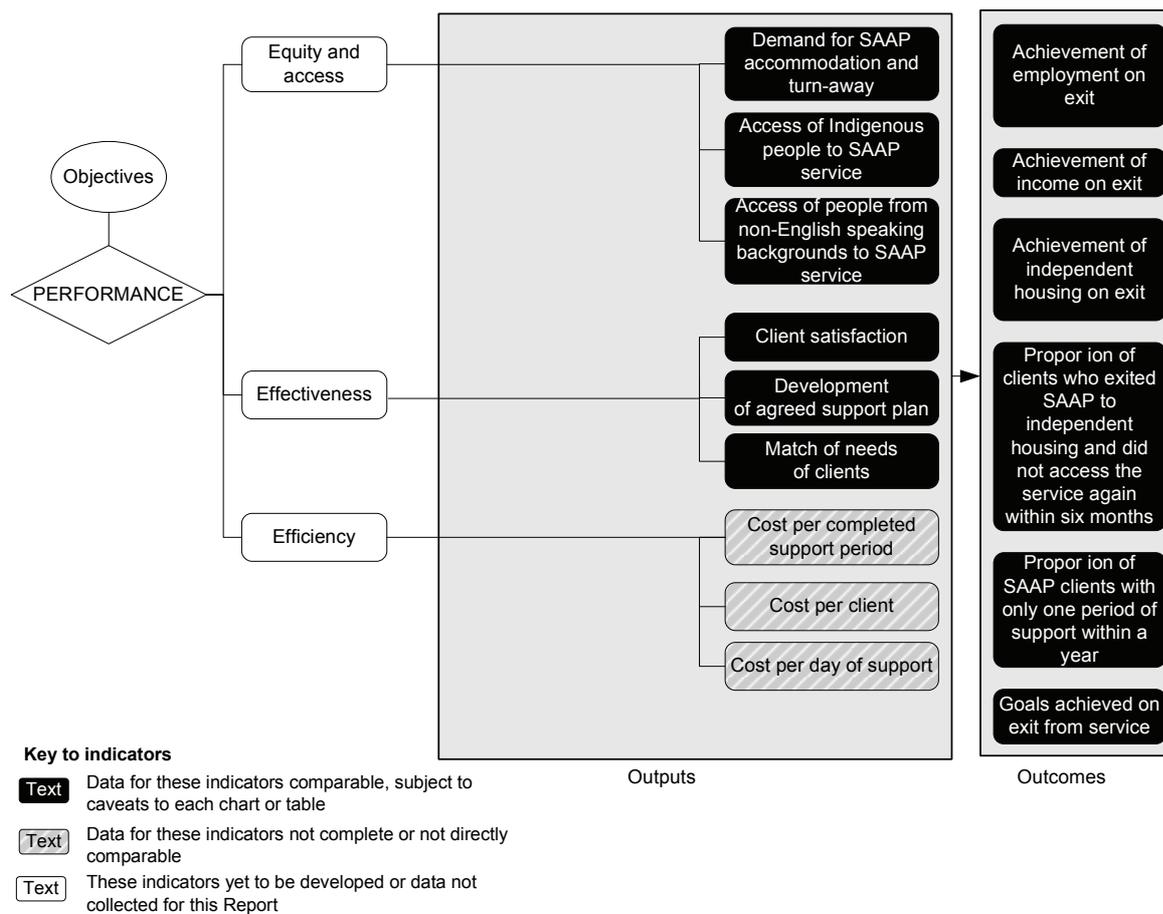
- resolve crises
- re-establish family links where appropriate
- re-establish the capacity of clients to live independently of SAAP.

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

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of SAAP services (figure 15.24). The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2010 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability from a Report-wide perspective (see section 1.6).

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

Figure 15.24 Performance indicators for SAAP services



15.10 Key supported accommodation and assistance program performance indicator results

The SAAP data collection measures the number of clients and the number and types of services provided to clients, but is subject to limitations (box 15.47).

Box 15.47 Information to be considered when analysing SAAP data

- Informed consent is an essential component of the integrity of the data. The principle of client/consumer rights (which underpins informed consent) recognises that clients do not receive services under a mandatory order. They have the right to accept or reject the services offered and they have the right to provide or not provide information while receiving SAAP services.
- Nationally, in 2007-08, clients consented to provide personal details for the SAAP client collection in 88.6 per cent of support periods, while 92.1 per cent of agencies participated in the client collection. A weighting system has been developed to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation (AIHW 2009b).

Outputs

Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Equity and access

Demand for SAAP accommodation and turn-away

‘Demand for SAAP accommodation and turn-away’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure all Australians have equitable access to SAAP services on the basis of relative need (box 15.48).

Box 15.48 Demand for SAAP accommodation and turn-away

‘Demand for SAAP accommodation and turn-away’ is defined as the extent to which demand for accommodation is met or unmet. Unmet demand occurs when a homeless person expressly asking for supported accommodation cannot be provided with that assistance (although one-off assistance might be provided). Two measures of the proportion of people whose valid request for immediate SAAP accommodation cannot be met are reported:

- turn-away as the proportion of people requiring new SAAP accommodation, defined as the average daily percentage of people who could not be accommodated relative to all people making valid requests for immediate SAAP accommodation. This provides an indication of a person’s likelihood of obtaining SAAP accommodation.
- turn-away as the proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation, defined as the average daily percentage of people who could not be accommodated relative to all people who required new and immediate SAAP accommodation or who were continuing their accommodation from the previous day. This provides a measure of the overall ability of SAAP to meet the demand for accommodation on an average day during the Demand for Accommodation Collection period.

A higher or increasing proportion of valid requests receiving accommodation is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable across jurisdictions. However, these data are not necessarily comparable over time due to different collection periods in different years.

Data for assessing access to SAAP services are sourced from the Demand for Accommodation Collection and the Client Collection. The Demand for Accommodation Collection measures the levels of met and unmet demand for SAAP accommodation by collecting information about requests for accommodation by individuals or groups over two weeks each year. These data are used in conjunction with Client Collection data to calculate the ‘turn-away’ rate for demand for SAAP accommodation.

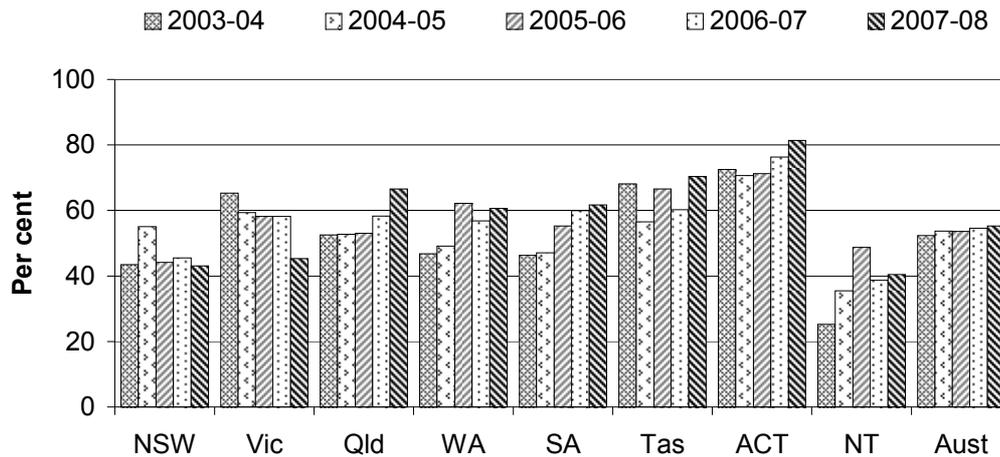
The Demand for Accommodation Collection collects data on ‘valid unmet requests’ for immediate accommodation. ‘Valid unmet requests’ excludes requests made at an agency where the person or group making the request does not fall within an agency’s target client group, where there is no fee-free accommodation available at that time⁶, or where assistance offered by an agency is refused. For the Client Collection, the accommodation status of a client on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period.

⁶ ‘No fee-free accommodation available’ refers to situations where the person/group is not given accommodation because they cannot meet the financial requirements (for example, fees) for that accommodation.

Demand data may understate the activities of SAAP agencies as only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are used in the calculations. Additionally, the two one-week sample periods over which data are collected might not be representative of the eventual success of clients accessing SAAP services over the full year (see notes to tables 15A.188-189).

Data on the proportion of people with valid requests for SAAP accommodation who were turned away are reported for the years 2003-04 to 2007-08. Nationally, 55.3 per cent of adults and unaccompanied children requesting immediate new SAAP accommodation on a given day were turned away in 2007-08. This proportion varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.25).

Figure 15.25 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as a proportion of people requiring new SAAP accommodation^{a, b, c, d}



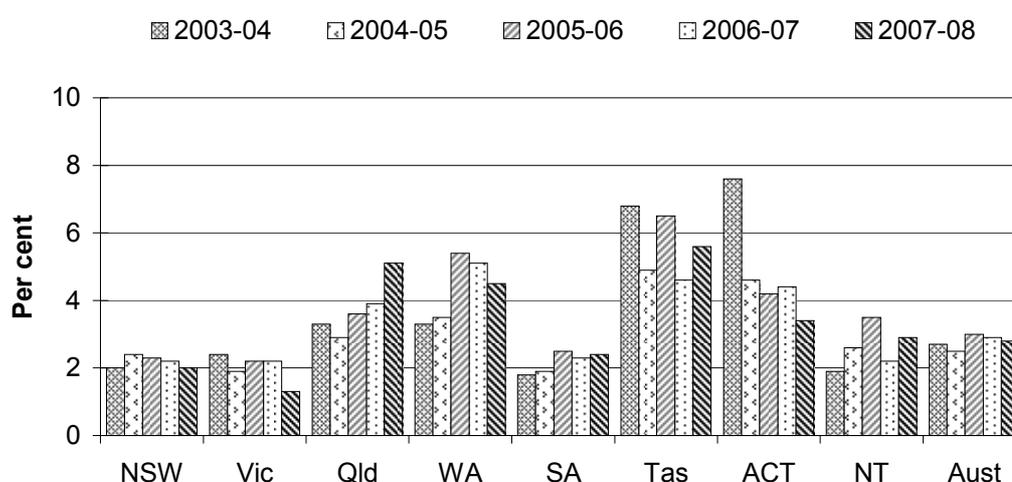
^a A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people whose requests for accommodation were unable to be met by SAAP agencies. The collections were held in December and May, or August and May, of each financial year. ^b Comparisons between years should be treated with caution, due to variation in participation rates, differing imputation methods and because the collections were held on different dates each year. ^c The denominator for this indicator refers to adults and unaccompanied children. ^d See notes to table 15A.188 for more detailed data caveats.

Source: AIHW (2009) *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2007-08: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report series 13. Cat. No. HOU 211; table 15A.188.

Nationally, the number of adults and unaccompanied children who made valid requests for SAAP accommodation but could not be accommodated accounted for 2.8 per cent of the total demand for SAAP accommodation in 2007-08 (total demand includes all accommodated adults and unaccompanied children) (figure 15.26). This proportion varied across jurisdictions.

The difference between (a) the percentage of people turned away on a given day as a proportion of total requests for new immediate SAAP accommodation on a given day (55.3 per cent) and (b) the percentage of people turned away on a given day as a proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation suggests that SAAP agencies provide a significant number of clients with continuing accommodation.

Figure 15.26 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation^{a, b, c, d}



^a A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people whose requests for accommodation were unable to be met by SAAP agencies. The collections were held in December and May, or August and May, of each financial year. ^b Comparisons between years should be treated with caution, due to variation in participation rates, differing imputation methods and because the collections were held on different dates each year. ^c The denominator for this indicator refers to adults and unaccompanied children. ^d See notes to table 15A.189 for more detailed data caveats.

Source: AIHW (2009) *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2007-08: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report series 13. Cat. No. HOU 211; table 15A.189.

Nationally, requests for SAAP accommodation were not met for a number of reasons in 2007-08, including lack of available accommodation (59.0 per cent), no vacancies at the referral agency (24.0 per cent), type of accommodation requested is not provided (7.8 per cent) and insufficient staff (1.3 per cent) (table 15A.197).

Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service

‘Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure all Australians have equitable access to SAAP services on the basis of relative need (box 15.49).

Box 15.49 Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service

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

A high proportion of valid requests receiving assistance is desirable.

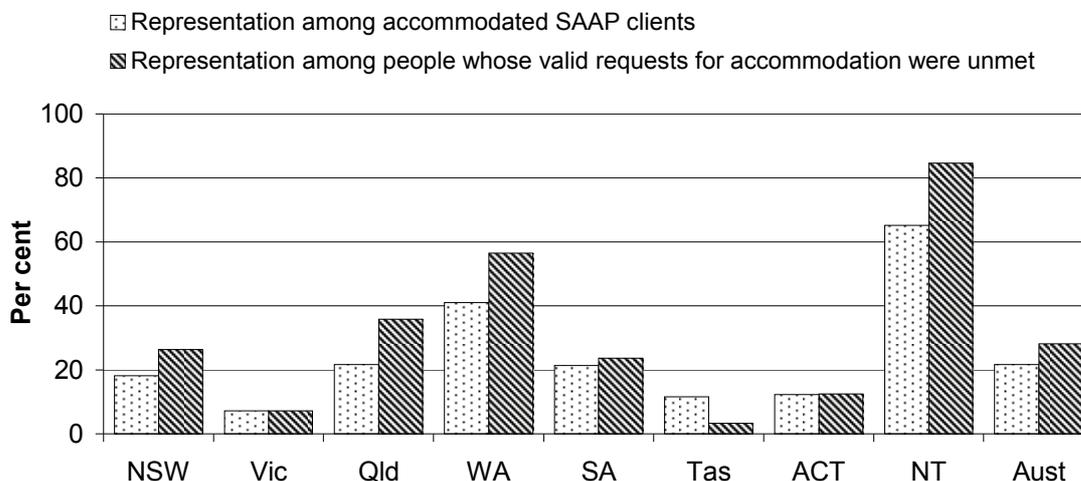
The indicator measures the extent to which the demand for assistance from Indigenous people is met or unmet. Unmet demand occurs when a homeless person expressly asking for supported accommodation, or support, cannot be provided with that assistance (although one-off assistance might be provided).

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, Indigenous people made up 28.2 per cent of all people whose valid requests for accommodation did not result in accommodation assistance in 2007-08 — a proportion greater than Indigenous clients among all accommodated SAAP clients (21.7 per cent). This result varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.27).

Figure 15.27 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2007-08^a



^a See notes to table 15A.190 for details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client and Demand for Accommodation Collections* (unpublished); AIHW (2009) *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2007-08: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report series 13. Cat. No. HOU 211; table 15A.190.

Access of people from non-English speaking backgrounds to SAAP service

‘Access of people from non-English speaking backgrounds to SAAP service’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure all Australians have equitable access to SAAP services on the basis of relative need (box 15.50).

Box 15.50 Access of people from non-English speaking backgrounds to SAAP service

‘Access of people from non-English speaking backgrounds to SAAP service’ is defined as the comparison between the representation of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among all people whose valid requests for SAAP accommodation were unmet, and their representation among SAAP clients who were accommodated during the year.

A high proportion of valid requests receiving assistance is desirable.

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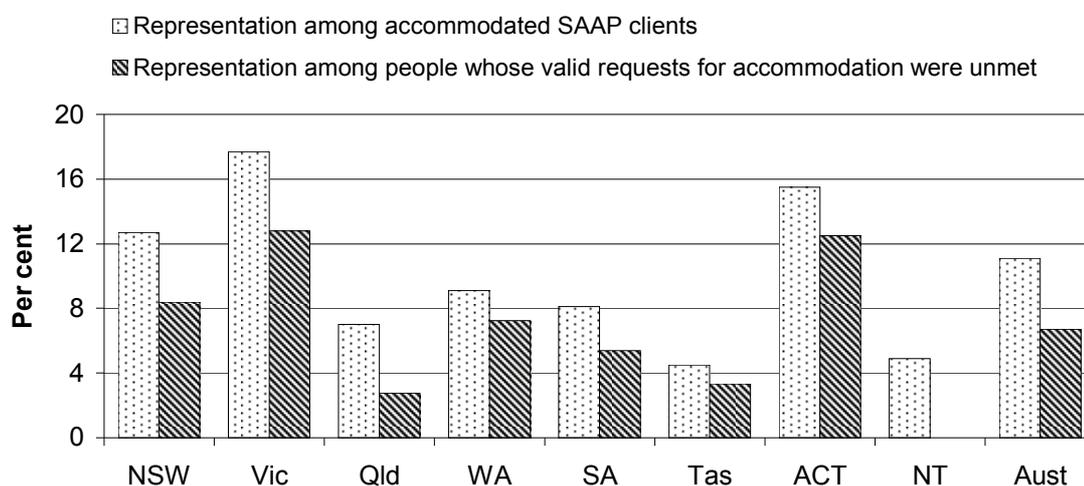
This indicator measures the extent to which the demand for assistance from people from non-English speaking backgrounds is met or unmet. Unmet demand occurs when a homeless person expressly asking for supported accommodation, or support, cannot be provided with that assistance (although one-off assistance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

Supported accommodation and assistance services target homeless people in general, but access by special needs groups (such as people from non-English speaking backgrounds) is particularly important.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, the proportion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among all people whose valid requests for accommodation did not result in accommodation assistance was 6.7 per cent in 2007-08 — lower than that of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among all accommodated SAAP clients (11.1 per cent). This result varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.28).

Figure 15.28 Proportion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2007-08^a



^a See notes to table 15A.191 for details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client and Demand for Accommodation Collections* (unpublished); AIHW (2009) *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2007-08: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report series 13. Cat. No. HOU 211; table 15A.191.

Effectiveness

Client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of SAAP recipients (box 15.51).

Box 15.51 Client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is defined as the extent to which clients find SAAP services and programs to be helpful and of a high standard (CBSR 2004). Client satisfaction is measured as the proportion of clients who reported that their overall satisfaction with the assistance they received from SAAP services was either ‘good’ or ‘really good’.

A high proportion of clients reporting the assistance they received as ‘good’ or ‘really good’ suggests greater client satisfaction with the overall SAAP service.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Data for the client satisfaction indicator are sourced from the national SAAP client satisfaction survey, which was conducted in 2003. New data for this indicator were not available for this Report. Data on client satisfaction relating to a four week period beginning 11 November 2003 were included in the 2005 Report (SCRGSP 2005, pp. 15.47-48; CBSR 2004).

Development of agreed support plan

‘Development of agreed support plan’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide high quality services that are appropriately targeted to meet the needs of SAAP clients (box 15.52).

Box 15.52 Development of agreed support plan

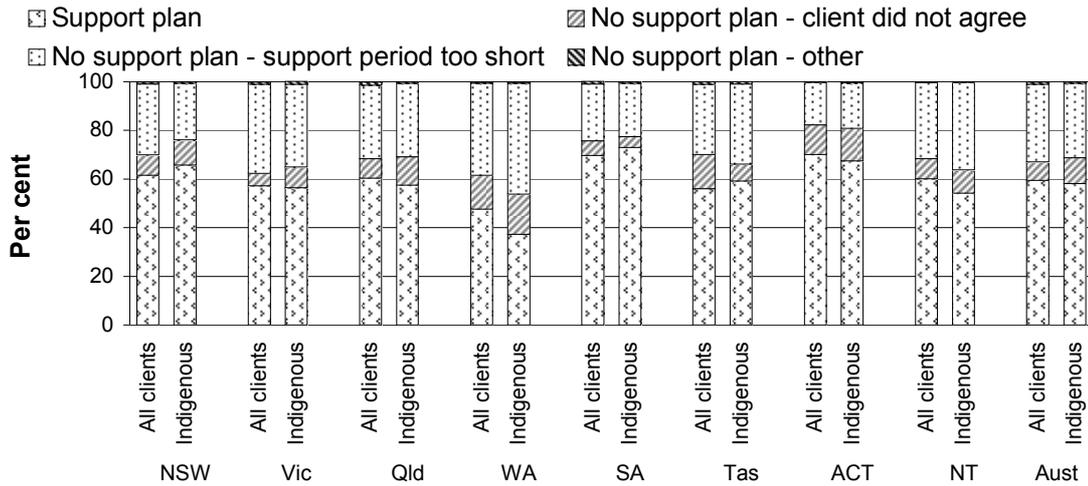
‘Development of agreed support plan’ is defined as the number of closed support periods with an agreed support plan divided by the total number of closed support periods. A closed support period is a support period that had finished on or before 30 June. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately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

A high proportion of support periods with agreed support plans is desirable. However, in some instances, a support plan may be judged to be inappropriate (such as when a support period is short term).

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, there was an agreed support plan for 59.5 per cent of closed support periods for all clients in 2007-08 (compared to 58.2 per cent for Indigenous clients). These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.29).

Figure 15.29 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, 2007-08^a



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

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); tables 15A.192-193.

Match of needs of clients

‘Match of needs of clients’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that SAAP services meet client’s individual needs (box 15.53).

Box 15.53 Match of needs of clients

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

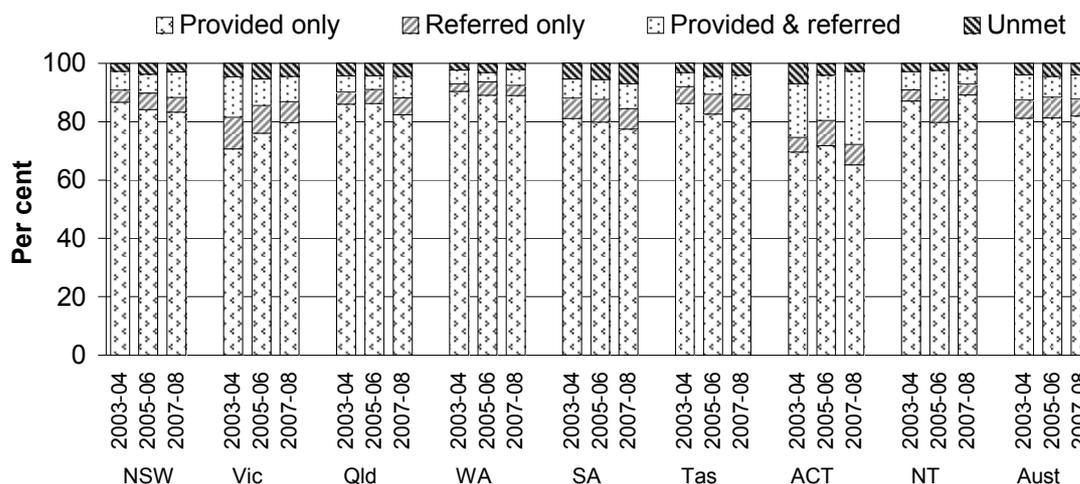
A high proportion of clients who received services they needed, or who were referred to another agency, is desirable.

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, the proportion of clients who received services they needed (including services provided by the initially approached agencies and/or referrals to another agency) was 96.1 per cent in 2007-08 (figure 15.30).

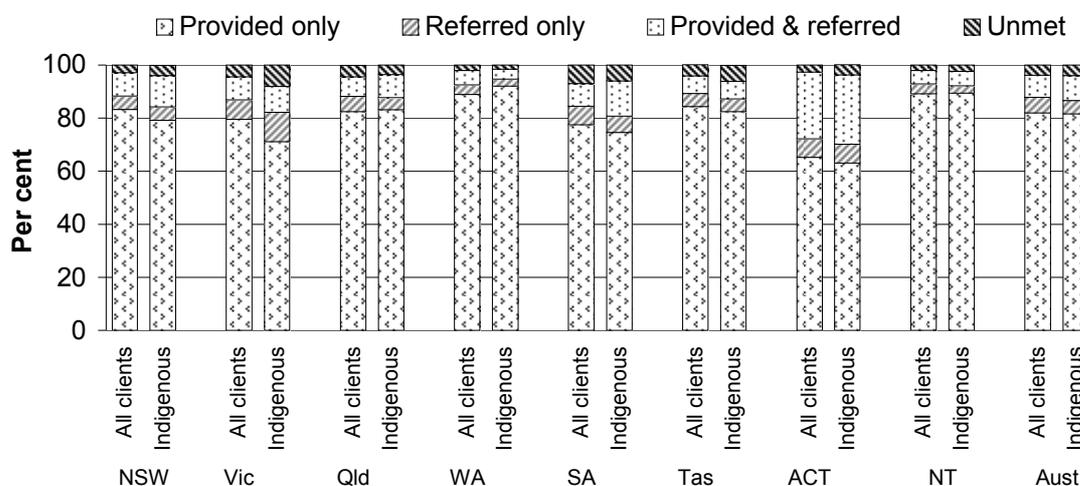
Figure 15.30 SAAP clients, by met and unmet support needs



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.194.

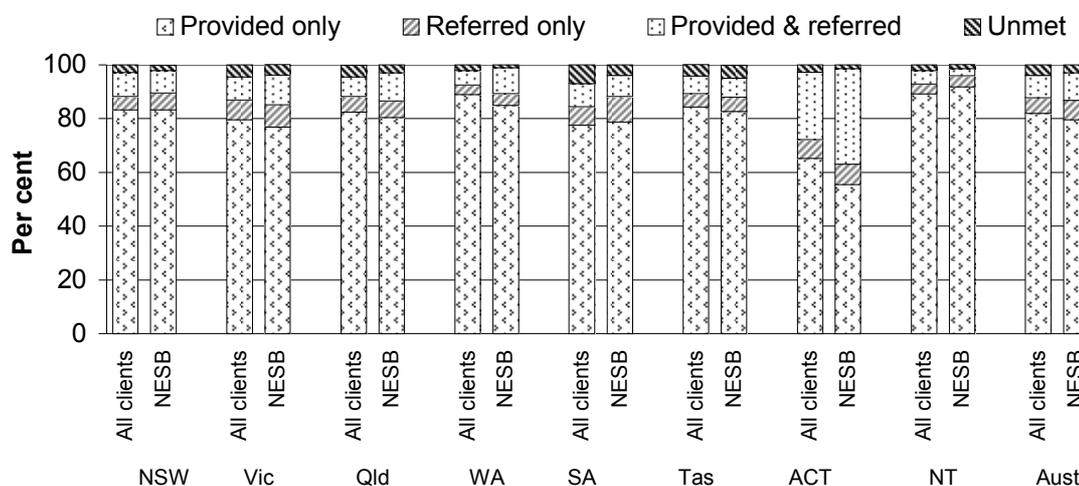
The proportions for Indigenous clients (96.0 per cent) and clients from a non-English speaking background (97.0 per cent) who received services in 2007-08 were similar to that for all clients (96.1 per cent). These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figures 15.31-32).

Figure 15.31 Indigenous clients, by met and unmet support needs, 2007-08



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); tables 15A.194-195.

Figure 15.32 Clients from non-English speaking backgrounds, by met and unmet support needs, 2007-08



NESB = Non-English speaking background.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); tables 15A.194 and 15A.196.

Efficiency

Across jurisdictions, there are varying treatments of expenditure items (for example, superannuation) and different counting and reporting rules for generating financial data. Differences in expenditure data across jurisdictions might to some extent reflect differences in the way in which these data are compiled rather than true variations in expenditure.

The funding figures used to calculate the following efficiency indicators include recurrent allocations to agencies provided by some State and Territory governments in addition to the amounts determined in the agreements between these jurisdictions and the Australian Government.

Cost per completed support period

‘Cost per completed support period’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.54).

Box 15.54 Cost per completed support period

'Cost per completed support period' is defined as total expenditure on SAAP services divided by the number of completed support periods (excluding casual clients, and adults and accompanying children with a valid unmet request for accommodation).

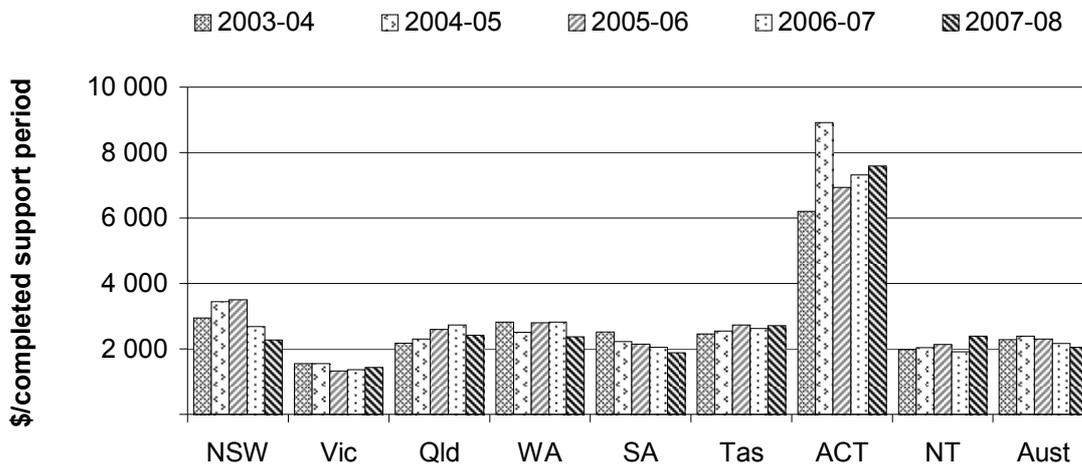
A low or decreasing cost per completed support period is desirable, but can also indicate lower service quality.

This is a proxy indicator of efficiency, measuring government inputs per unit of output (unit cost), including only expenditure by service delivery providers. Unit cost indicators ideally include administration costs borne by State and Territory governments in administering services, but this is not yet possible. In addition, capital costs are excluded because capital funding for SAAP is provided under the CSHA through a special purpose program (the CAP).

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

The recurrent cost per completed support period (excluding potential clients and accompanying children) averaged \$2050 nationally and varied across jurisdictions in 2007-08 (figure 15.33).

Figure 15.33 Real recurrent cost per completed support period (2007-08 dollars)^a



^a See notes to table 15A.198 for detailed data caveats.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); table 15A.198.

Cost per client

'Cost per client' is an indicator of governments' objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.55).

Box 15.55 Cost per client

'Cost per client' is defined as total expenditure on SAAP services divided by the number of clients accessing a bed or place over the year.

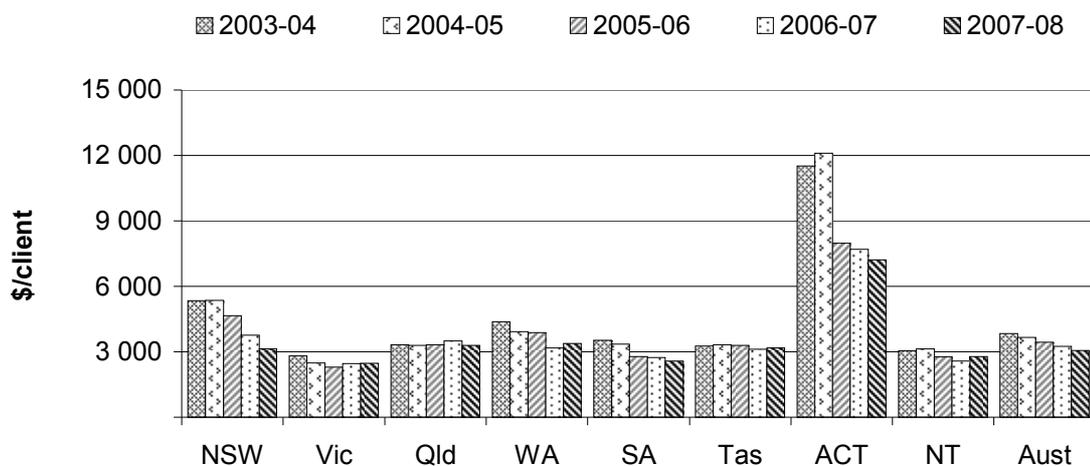
A low or decreasing cost per client is desirable, but can also indicate lower service quality.

This is a proxy indicator of efficiency, measuring government inputs per unit of output (unit cost), including only expenditure by service delivery providers. Unit cost indicators ideally include administration costs borne by State and Territory governments in administering services, but this is not yet possible. In addition, capital costs are excluded because capital funding for SAAP is provided under the CSHA through a special purpose program (the CAP).

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Nationally, the recurrent cost per client accessing SAAP services was \$3060 and varied across jurisdictions in 2007-08 (figure 15.34).

Figure 15.34 **Real recurrent cost per client accessing SAAP services (2007-08 dollars)^a**



^a See notes to table 15A.199 for detailed data caveats.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); table 15A.199.

Cost per day of support

‘Cost per day of support’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.56).

Box 15.56 Cost per day of support

‘Cost per day of support’ is defined as total expenditure on SAAP services divided by the number of days of support for SAAP clients receiving support and/or supported accommodation (excluding casual clients, and adults and accompanying children with a valid unmet request for accommodation).

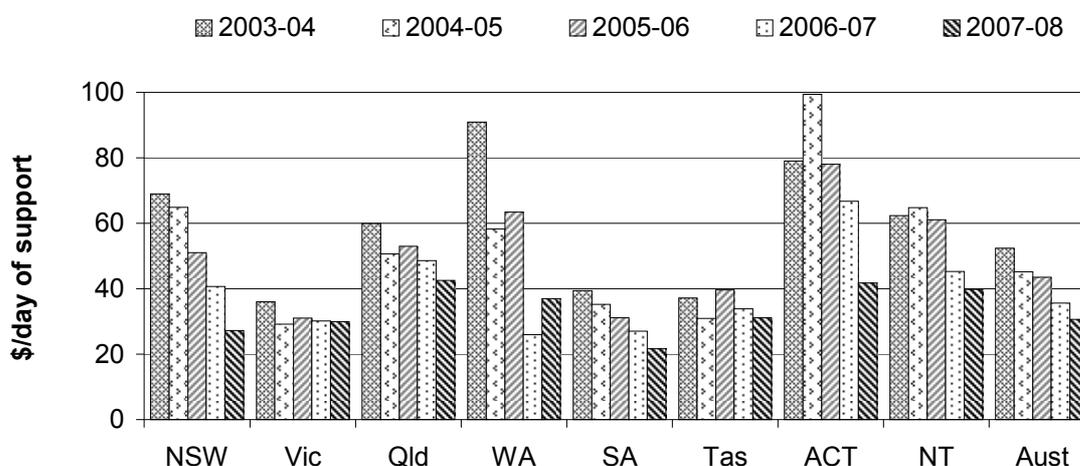
A low or decreasing cost per day of support is desirable, but can also indicate lower service quality.

This is a proxy indicator of efficiency, measuring government inputs per unit of output (unit cost), including only expenditure by service delivery providers. Unit cost indicators ideally include administration costs borne by State and Territory governments in administering services, but this is not yet possible. In addition, capital costs are excluded because capital funding for SAAP is provided under the CSHA through a special purpose program (the CAP).

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

The recurrent cost per day of support for SAAP clients averaged \$31 nationally and varied across jurisdictions in 2007-08 (figure 15.35).

Figure 15.35 Real recurrent cost per day of support for clients (2007-08 dollars)^a



^a See notes to table 15A.200 for detailed data caveats.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); table 15A.200.

Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the actual services delivered) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

An important outcome of SAAP services is clients' achievement of self-reliance and independence. Characteristics that may indicate whether clients can live independently include their income, housing status and workforce status. These characteristics are recorded at the end of a client's support period.

In 2006, the SAAP CAD commissioned a research project to examine the impact of SAAP services on client self-reliance. The report based on this project, *Measuring the Impact of SAAP-funded Homelessness Services on Client Self-reliance* (FaHCSIA 2008a), found that many of the problems and barriers that led clients into homelessness were not easily fixed and could take considerable time, effort and resources to overcome.

Achievement of employment on exit

'Achievement of employment on exit' is an indicator of governments' objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of society at the end of their support period (box 15.57).

Box 15.57 Achievement of employment on exit

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

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

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

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

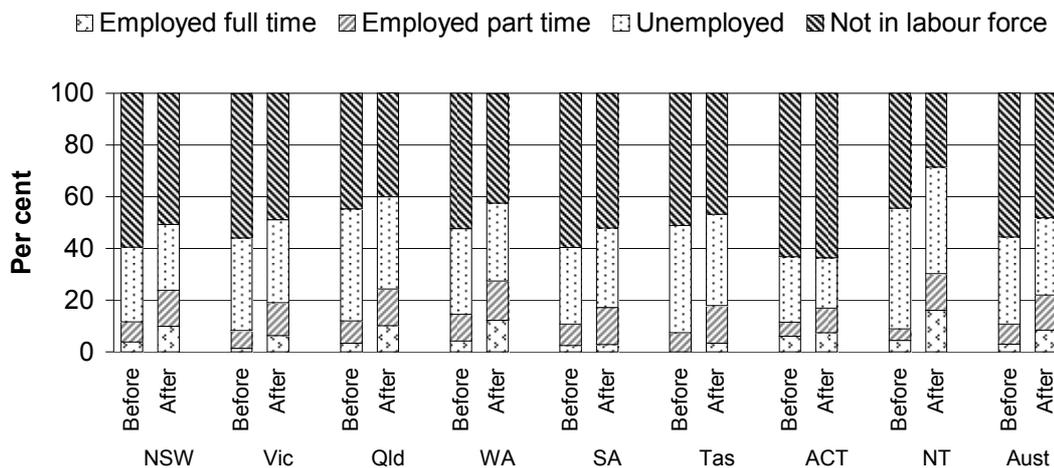
Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, of those clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering SAAP in 2007-08, the proportion of clients who were employed either full time or part time increased from 10.8 per cent before support to 22.0 per cent after support (8.4 per cent full time and 13.6 per cent part time). The proportion of clients who were unemployed decreased from 33.7 per cent before support to 29.8 per cent after support. The proportion of clients who were not in the labour force decreased from 55.6 per cent before support to 48.2 per cent after support. Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.36(a), table 15A.204).

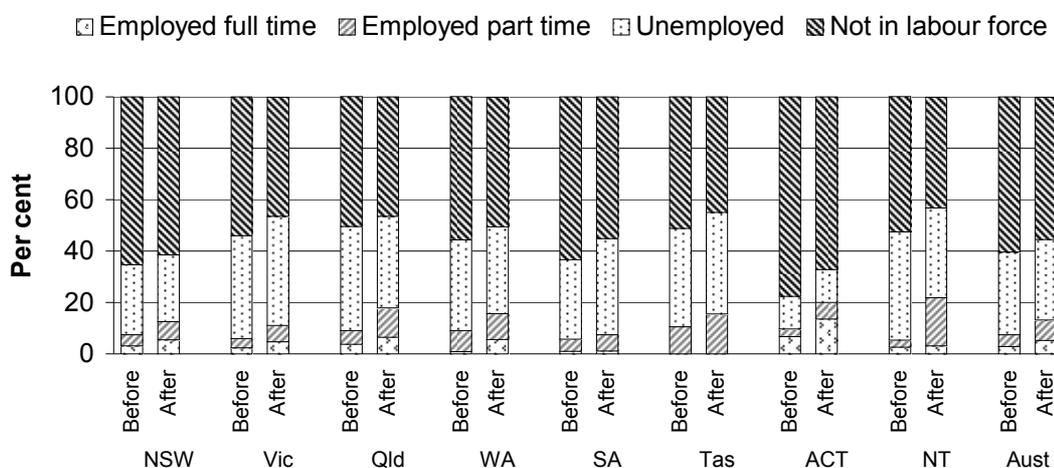
Nationally, of those Indigenous clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering SAAP in 2007-08, the proportion of clients who were employed either full time or part time increased from 7.5 per cent before support to 13.2 per cent after support (5.2 per cent full time and 8.0 per cent part time). The proportion of clients who were unemployed decreased from 32.1 per cent before support to 31.3 per cent after support. The proportion of clients who were not in the labour force decreased from 60.4 per cent before support to 55.4 per cent after support. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.36(b) and table 15A.205).

Figure 15.36 Changes in labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2007-08^a

(a) All SAAP clients



(b) Indigenous SAAP clients



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

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); tables 15A.204-205.

Achievement of income on exit

‘Achievement of income on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 15.58).

Box 15.58 Achievement of income on exit

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

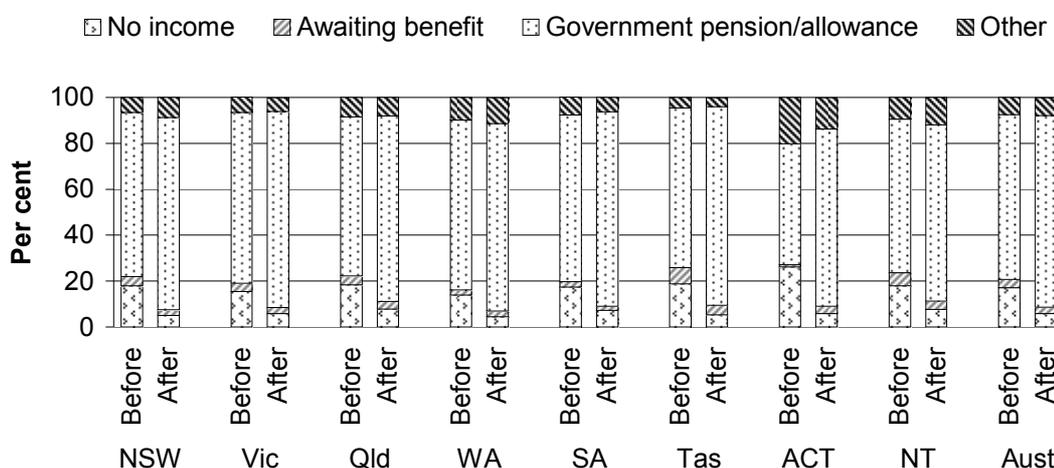
A high or increasing proportion of clients who requested income assistance and exited SAAP with an income source is desirable.

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

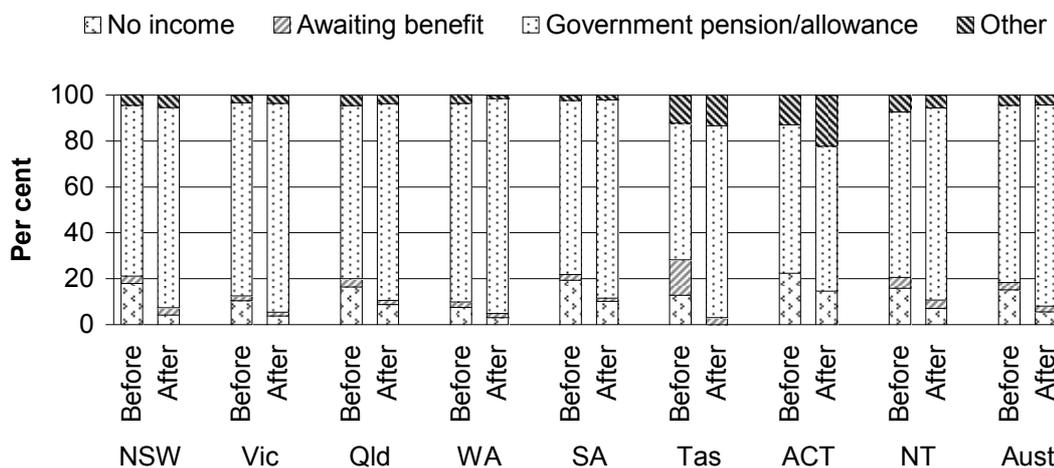
Nationally, in 2007-08 17.1 per cent of SAAP support periods in which clients who requested income assistance did not have income prior to SAAP assistance. After SAAP assistance, the proportion of SAAP support periods in which clients who had requested income assistance and had no income was 5.9 per cent (figure 15.37). The proportion of Indigenous clients who did not have income and requested income assistance also decreased after SAAP assistance (from 15.2 per cent to 5.6 per cent nationally) (figure 15.38). Both before and after SAAP assistance, the income source for the majority of SAAP clients was a government pension/benefit (figures 15.37 and 15.38).

Figure 15.37 Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2007-08



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.209.

Figure 15.38 Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2007-08



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.210.

Achievement of independent housing on exit

‘Achievement of independent housing on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of society at the end of their support period (box 15.59).

Box 15.59 Achievement of independent housing on exit

'Achievement of independent housing on exit' is defined as the number of closed support periods in which clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieved independent housing, divided by the total number of closed support periods in which clients requested assistance obtaining or maintaining independent housing.

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

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

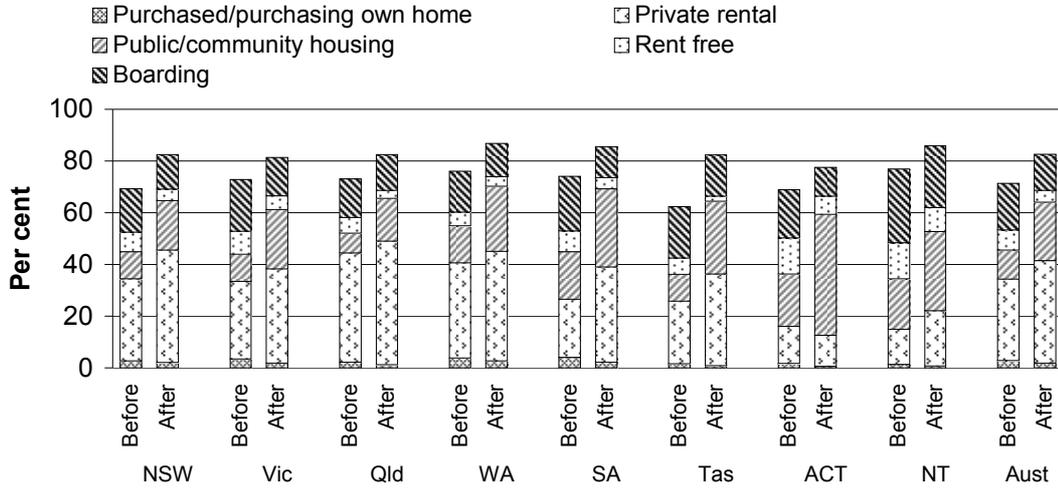
Nationally, 82.6 per cent of closed support periods in which clients requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieved independent housing in 2007-08. This included clients who moved or returned to private rental housing (39.7 per cent), to public or community rental housing (22.6 per cent), and those who were boarding (14.0 per cent) (figure 15.39a).

Among Indigenous clients, on a national basis, 84.4 per cent of clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieved independent housing at the end of a support period in 2007-08, including those who moved or returned to private rental housing (29.9 per cent), to public or community rental housing (32.5 per cent), and who were boarding (17.4 per cent) (figure 15.40a).

Closed support periods in which clients did not achieve independent housing included those who moved to, or continued to live in, short to medium term SAAP accommodation and other forms of non-independent accommodation (figure 15.39b and 15.40b).

Figure 15.39 Accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, all SAAP clients, 2007-08

(a) Independent housing



(b) Non-independent housing

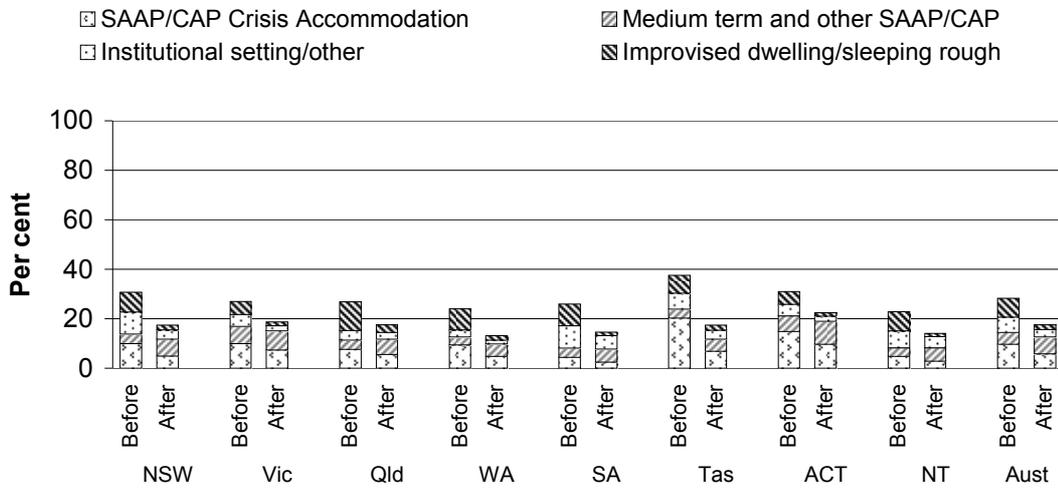
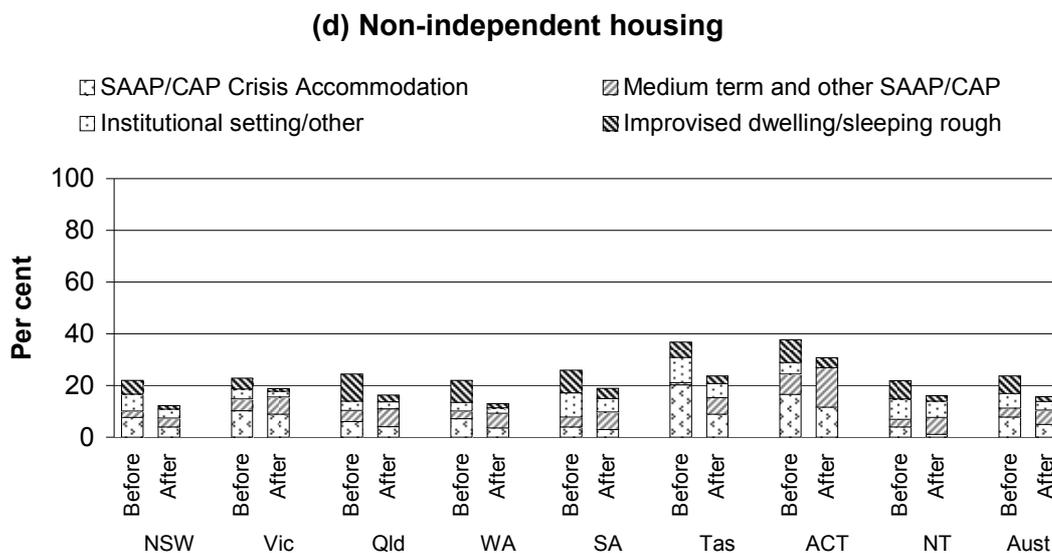
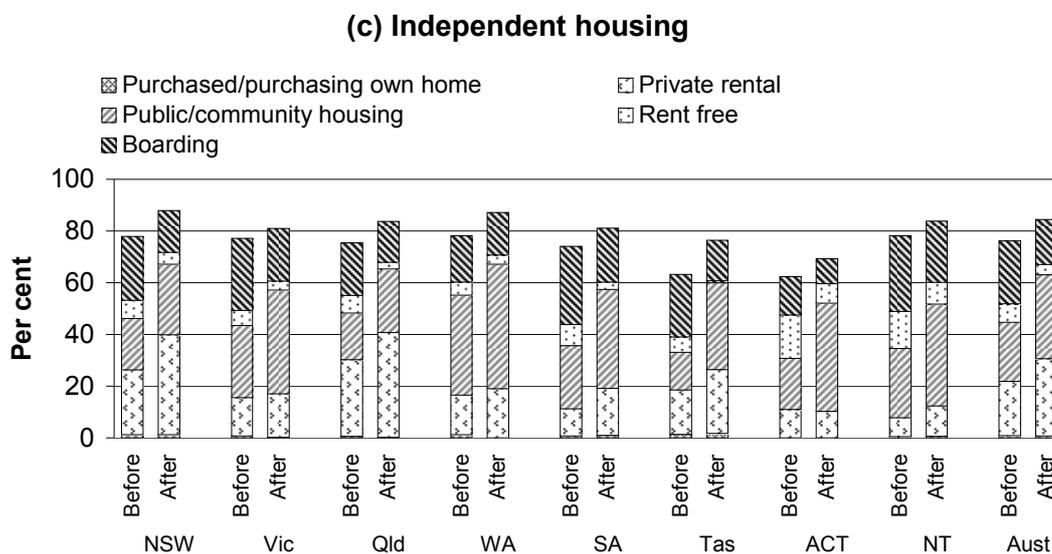


Figure 15.40 Accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, Indigenous SAAP clients, 2007-08



Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); tables 15A.202-203.

Proportion of SAAP clients who exited SAAP to independent housing and did not access the service again within six months

‘Proportion of SAAP clients who exited SAAP to independent housing and did not access the service again within six months’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 15.60).

Box 15.60 Proportion of SAAP clients who exited SAAP to independent housing and did not access the service again within six months

‘Proportion of SAAP clients who exited SAAP to independent housing and did not access the service again within six months’ is defined as the number of clients who exit to independent housing and do not return to SAAP within six months, divided by the total number of SAAP clients.

A high or increasing proportion of clients not returning to the program within six months is desirable.

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Estimates of clients exiting SAAP support to independent housing and not returning to SAAP within six months are affected by the data issues discussed in box 15.46. The most recent data available are for the period 2004-05, during which 45.4 per cent of clients who exited a SAAP service to independent housing did not access the service again within six months. These data might not be representative of all clients (table 15A.208). Given the potential for data bias, these estimates should be interpreted with care.

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

‘Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 15.61).

Box 15.61 Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year

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

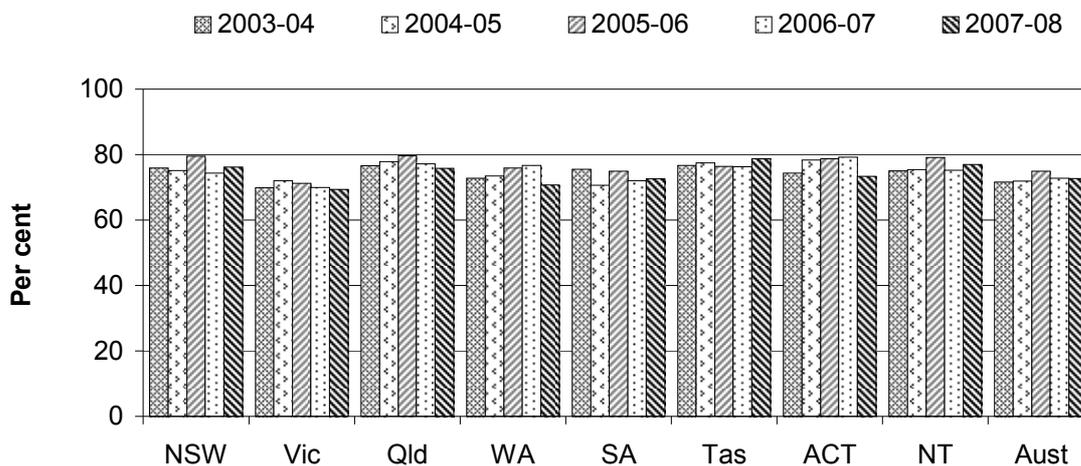
A high or increasing proportion of clients with only one support period during the year is desirable.

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

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 72.7 per cent of SAAP clients had only one support period in 2007-08 (figure 15.41). The proportion for Indigenous clients was similar (71.6 per cent) (table 15A.207).

Figure 15.41 Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.206.

Goals achieved on exit from service

‘Goals achieved on exit from service’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure SAAP services meet the needs and expectations of clients (box 15.62).

Box 15.62 Goals achieved on exit from service

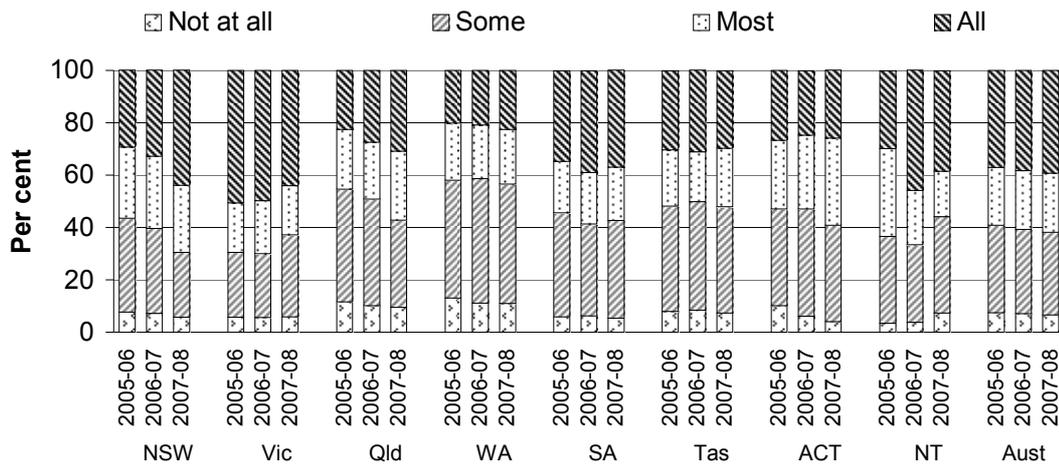
'Goals achieved on exit from service' is defined as the proportion of clients who reported that their case management goals were fully or mostly achieved by the end of their support period, divided by the total number of clients with case management goals in a given period.

A high or increasing proportion of achieved goals is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, case management goals were fully or mostly achieved by the end of the support period for 61.8 per cent of clients in 2007-08 (figure 15.42).

Figure 15.42 Goals achieved on exit from SAAP service



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.211.

15.11 Future directions in supported accommodation and assistance performance reporting

COAG developments

Report on Government Services alignment with National Agreement reporting

It is anticipated that future editions of this chapter will align with applicable National Agreement indicators, including the National Indigenous Reform Agreement. Further alignment between the Report and National Agreement

indicators, and other reporting changes, might result from future developments in National Agreement and National Partnership reporting.

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

Outcomes from review of Report on Government Services

COAG agreed to Terms of Reference for a Heads of Treasuries/Senior Officials review of the Report in November 2008, to report to COAG by end-September 2009. The review examined the ongoing usefulness of the Report in the context of new national reporting under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

No significant changes from this review are reflected in the 2010 Report. Any COAG endorsed recommendations from the review are likely to be implemented for the 2011 Report.

15.12 Jurisdictions' comments

This section provides comments from each jurisdiction on the services covered in this chapter.

Australian Government comments

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National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020

In the 2008-09 Budget, the Australian Government announced they would invest a further \$63 million over four years to improve the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in Australia through the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020 (the National Framework).

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) endorsed the National Framework on 30 April 2009. The National Framework is an ambitious, long term, national approach to ensuring the safety and well-being of Australian children. It will be delivered through a series of three-year action plans, with the first action plan containing over 70 actions. Commonwealth, State and Territory governments and the non-government sector worked in partnership to develop the National Framework and will continue to work together throughout its implementation.

COAG charged the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Conference (CDSMC) with the responsibility of implementing and monitoring the National Framework. On 11 September 2009, CDSMC endorsed the National Framework Implementation Plan 2009–2012, which sets out how actions under the National Framework's first action plan will be progressed, how progress will be measured and monitored, and the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders. For the first three years of the National Framework's operation, CDSMC will present an annual report card to COAG on the progress of the first action plan. These report cards will be publicly released.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

The Australian Government provides homelessness assistance through the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) which subsumed funding under the previous homelessness assistance program, Supported Accommodation Assistance Program from 1 January 2009. The NAHA provides \$6.1 billion Australian government funding to State and Territory governments over five years from 2008-09. The NAHA also includes social housing, assistance to people in the private rental market and home purchase assistance.

The NAHA is supplemented by the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness which provides an additional \$1.1 billion specific homelessness funding by the Australian and State and Territory governments over four years from 2009-10. These agreements and specific Australian government homelessness programs including the Household Organisational Management Expenses (HOME) Advice Program, the National Homelessness Strategy, and the Reconnect Program recognise the service system needs to prevent homelessness where possible and stop people cycling in and out of homelessness. Services need to provide enough joined up support to help people get back on their feet, into secure housing and then to participate in the community, including getting a job.

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New South Wales Government comments

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Child protection and supported placements

The NSW Government published the five-year Action Plan, 'Keep Them Safe: A shared approach to child wellbeing' (2009–2014) on 3 March 2009, in response to the former Justice Wood's Report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW (released in November 2008).

Keep Them Safe aims to re-shape the way family and community services are delivered in NSW so that children, young people and their families receive the services they need sooner, before problems escalate. Keep Them Safe includes actions to enhance the universal service system and early intervention services, better protect children at risk, support Aboriginal children and families and strengthen partnerships with non-government organisations in delivering community services.

Juvenile justice

The majority of young people supervised by the Department of Juvenile Justice are on community-based orders and this continues an upward trend. The Department administers youth justice conferences as an alternative to formal court processes and the number of referrals from the police and courts for group conferences is growing. In 2008 the juvenile justice system in NSW experienced a significant and unprecedented increase in young people entering remand. This development along with a rising number of young people sentenced to detention had a significant impact on custodial capacity. In response to this situation a new detention centre was developed and greater capacity was provided to four of the nine existing centres. In addition to increased custodial capacity, the Department has increased bail services to assist young people to attain bail and thus avoid entering custody on remand, or lessen the time spent in remand.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

The number of clients, including accompanying children assisted by Supported Accommodation Assistance Program services in NSW has increased by more than 88.7 per cent since 2004–05, rising from 30 050 to 56 700 in 2007–08. This increase is primarily due to changes in reporting practices and the move towards early intervention and post crisis support in SAAP in NSW. As part of its ongoing reform of SAAP, NSW Community Services has continued implementation of funding reforms, of which the key components were:

- results-based accountability
- performance-based contracting focusing on program priorities
- a performance monitoring framework
- evidence-based approaches.

These reforms contributed to the increased number of support periods and clients.

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Victorian Government comments

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Child protection and supported placements

- In 2008–09, the ‘every child every chance’ reform process supported by the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005, has continued. The reforms promote prevention and support services for at-risk children and families, strengthen child protection and out-of-home care services and assist the delivery of culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal children and families.
- As part of these reforms, Child FIRST has been implemented statewide to enhance the prevention and early intervention capacity of the service system. A Best Interests Case Practice Model has been developed and is being implemented across child protection, placement services and family services to further promote and support good practice. Additional funds have been provided to increase the capacity, diversity and quality of out-of-home care services, and to enhance the capacity and responsiveness of child protection and family services.

Juvenile Justice

- In 2008–09, a discussion paper was released for the Vulnerable Youth Framework (VYF). The VYF aims to deliver better outcomes for young Victorians by ensuring the Government’s major policy commitments in this field are implemented with a shared understanding and a consistent approach.
- The Youth Justice Community Support Service is a new initiative to support young people involved in the youth justice system. Many youth justice clients require intensive support and assistance to access employment, education or training, mental health, drug and alcohol, and housing services. Taking an integrated approach, community service organisations have formed partnerships to collectively provide a broad range of services to better meet these needs of youth justice clients and enhance their rehabilitation, economic contribution and social connectedness.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

- In 2008–09, Victoria made significant progress in assisting people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to transition to more stable living arrangements and active participation in the community.
- Victoria commenced statewide implementation of Opening Doors, a framework for a coordinated entry point system designed to provide the basis for a more responsive and less stressful process for people seeking support and accommodation. Victoria also continued to implement the Integrated Response to Family Violence with significant reform and strengthening of the service system.
- The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program was terminated on 31 December 2008. Funding and programs were provided through the National Affordable Housing Agreement from 1 January 2009.

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Queensland Government comments

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Child protection and supported placements

The Queensland Government continued to enhance the child protection system in 2008–09, amalgamating the former Department of Child Safety with the new Department of Communities, creating opportunities to work more effectively with the prevention and early intervention tier of the child protection system. Through a statewide Foster and Kinship Carer recruitment campaign, 524 new carers were recruited. Therapeutic residential services were established in Cairns and Townsville to support young people in care to overcome trauma. Family intervention services supported approximately 1 200 families to help parents care for their children where statutory intervention is required. The Department procured land and obtained capital works and grants for six safe houses and a foster care house in Queensland’s remote Indigenous communities, enabling children requiring out-of-home placement to remain connected to their community, while assessment and consultation are undertaken.

Juvenile justice

Building on the work undertaken in 2007–08, the Queensland Government is targeting the causes of youth offending that will collectively result in strong and lasting positive impacts on offending rates in Queensland. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Justice Strategy is one of these key activities. Major initiatives include the now operational young offender community response service and bail support service in far north Queensland and strengthening family engagement practices and training to improve the cultural competency of youth justice staff. ART (Aggression Replacement Training) and CHART (Changing Habits and Reaching Targets) have been implemented across all youth justice service centres and detention centres. Evaluation of these programs has commenced. The introduction of a risk/needs assessment tool and youth justice quality assurance framework has improved the case management of young people on supervised orders. Service delivery has been further improved with the introduction of an Integrated Case Management System, which is shared across youth justice and child protection services.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

In 2008–09, the Queensland Government continued to work in partnership with and fund non-government organisations under the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program. Initiatives under the Responding to Homelessness Strategy continued to operate and expand. A new client intake and assessment process for housing assistance was introduced, allowing clients who identify as homeless to be potentially streamed directly into the very high and high need segments of the housing register. The evaluation of the Responding to Homelessness Strategy has resulted in an increase in the quantum of services, accommodation and support available to homeless people. The demonstrated value and effectiveness of the strategy has provided a platform for development of Queensland’s implementation plan under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness.

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Western Australian Government comments

Child protection and supported placements

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The Department continued to make progress towards implementing child protection reform projects arising from the Ford Review of the Department for Community Development, released in January 2007.

The Signs of Safety child protection practice framework is used in assessment in both the Department's statutory and child-centred family work and to engage the family, children and relevant agencies in the planning process. Income management was trialled selectively as a child protection measure and as part of the progressive rollout across areas of the State.

On 1 January 2009, the reporting of child sexual abuse became mandatory for teachers, doctors, nurses, midwives and police in Western Australia. This is managed through a centralised intake service.

Key initiatives to improve outcomes for children in the CEO's care include: the implementation of health and education plans; the reform and expansion of out-of-home care services; enhanced partnership with foster carers; and the development of policy on permanency planning which aims to ensure that timely decisions are made about children's long-term stability.

Juvenile justice

The Community and Juvenile Justice division commenced a major realignment of its services in the metropolitan area to improve its focus on youth justice, creating a balance with adult community corrections' issues. The realignment will result in distinct service delivery locations for youth justice services.

Extensive resources were placed into increasing the Department's focus on early intervention and diversionary programs and initiatives to divert young people away from the justice system. This included establishment of regional youth justice services centres in two regions to provide a full range of services, including outreach support, bail and emergency accommodation that focus on all aspects of a young person's life and also offer support to their families.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

The fifth Supported Accommodation Assistance Program Multilateral Agreement (SAAP V) ceased on 31 December 2008. Services previously funded under SAAP are now funded under the National Affordable Housing Agreement which commenced on 1 January 2009. In addition, the development of the Western Australian Implementation Plan for the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPA) will provide new support services to prevent and reduce homelessness. The Western Australian Implementation Plan is not about doing more of the same but rather proposes to lever change in how homelessness is responded to in Western Australia by providing a more integrated response to homelessness. The initiatives focus on intervening early, preventing the cycle of homelessness, while addressing the needs of a range of target groups across metropolitan, regional and remote Western Australia.

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South Australian Government comments

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Child protection and supported placements

South Australia's child protection system is integrating child safety within a broader approach of strengthening child, family and community wellbeing. This includes a more focused partnership between Government agencies and the community sector to provide a range of protective, and support services, with increased funding to non-government agencies for targeted early intervention services, intensive placement prevention and reunification services. The demand on the alternative care system continues to grow. There has been a 52 per cent increase in the number of children in alternative care placements from 30 June 2005 to 30 June 2009. Keeping them Safe – In Our Care reforms place emphasis on improving assessment processes, strengthening relative and kinship care placements, implementing 'wrap around' care packages tailored to each child and expanding therapeutic foster care placements for children with complex needs.

Juvenile justice

The To Break the Cycle reform, led by the South Australian Attorney General's Department is taking an all of Government approach to tackling serious offending and preventing early entry of children and young people into the justice system. Emphasis has been placed on strengthening delivery of case management, including intensive case management services for serious repeat offenders and an expansion of home detention services. A Community Protection Panel has been established by the Attorney General as a non-statutory advisory committee to oversee the identification, assessment and intensive case management of serious repeat offenders. South Australia is expanding the range of treatment programs for offenders, particularly for those involved in high speed car crime, drug and alcohol related crime and violent offending.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

The 2007–08 data indicate that South Australian Supported Accommodation Assistance Program services continued to achieve very positive results for people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness on most effectiveness and efficiency indicators. In 2007–08, South Australia achieved the second highest rate of a support plan in place for all clients (69.7 per cent compared to a national average of 59.5 per cent); the highest rate of a support plan in place for Indigenous clients (73 per cent compared to the national average of 58.2 per cent); the second lowest recurrent cost per client accessing services; the lowest real recurrent cost per day of support; the highest average accommodation load per day (11.9 compared to the national average of 7.9); and the highest average caseload per day (33.5 compared to the national average of 21.1). These outcomes clarify the positive direction that South Australia has achieved in improved planning and assessment responses.

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Tasmanian Government comments

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Child protection and supported placements

Substantial reforms are being implemented for Tasmania's child protection, family support and out-of-home care (OOHC) services by a dedicated Reform Implementation Unit within Human Services. The Gateway Services and Integrated Family Support Services are being established to support children and families in need via a single point of access within each of the four service delivery areas across the State. Other reforms include the establishment of advisory groups and community partnership teams to strengthen partnerships between government and the community sector. A common assessment framework has been implemented and a resource allocation and 'unit pricing' framework is also being developed to promote consistency and equity across service areas. Reform of OOHC is being scoped and planning is underway to outsource rostered care in July 2010. In addition, a residential practice consultant has been appointed to work with carers to improve standards of care as well as supervise the accreditation of foster carers.

Juvenile justice

Youth justice services within Disability, Child, Youth and Family Services (DCYFS) is focusing on case management practices. Community youth justice services will trial new electronic risk assessment and case management tools and implement a project to improve the case management interface between community and custodial services. A dedicated youth at risk focus within DCYFS, and the Youth at Risk strategy is now undertaking a range of initiatives that will enhance the strategic approach to planning, funding and delivering services for this group of young people. The Review of the Youth Justice Act 1997 has produced a number of papers that are available on the DHHS website at www.dhhs.tas.gov.au. The Project Steering Committee is currently considering the submissions received and the options for change.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

During 2008–09, Tasmania worked to provide a seamless transition into the new National Affordable Housing Agreement and related National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. Alongside the extensive planning leading up to the launch of Tasmania's Homelessness Implementation Plan in June 2009 were the completion of the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program Quality Development Project and the successful negotiation of new funding agreements for the sector. The new Departmental funding agreements introduced by the Office for the Community Sector incorporate a new Quality and Safety Standards Framework, which maintains the emphasis on quality in service delivery, and also have a new Integrated Finance and Performance Framework. ”

Australian Capital Territory Government comments

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Child protection and supported placements

- The Care and Protection provisions of the new Children and Young People Act 2008 commenced on 27 October 2008. Provisions include enhanced powers to assess and respond to children and young people suspected to be at risk of abuse and neglect, a proactive framework for seeking the views and wishes of children and young people, stability proposals in care plans and long term orders, provisions to make prenatal reports and greater capacity to exchange information.
- 2008–09 has also seen a continued focus on improving collaborative service delivery, early intervention and the introduction of a permanency planning framework. Also introduced were Declared Care Teams, which promote coordinated and planned services for children, young people and their families and facilitate the sharing of information among its members if it is in their best interests.

Juvenile justice

- Bimberi Youth Justice Centre commenced operations in late 2008 and is the first human rights compliant juvenile detention centre in Australia. The centre engages young people through a rehabilitative approach, supporting them through programs including: Literacy and Numeracy; Drug and Alcohol Counselling; Indigenous Art; Music and Culture; and Living Skills.
- Legislative changes for ACT Youth Justice recently occurred through the implementation of the Children and Young People Act 2008. These have been reflected in the policies and procedures of ACT Youth Justice.
- ACT Youth Justice utilises a case management approach and continues to develop partnerships with government and non government agencies to increase the opportunities for young people and their access to support services within detention and the community.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

- The ACT provides high quality homelessness services, meeting the needs of many clients through reducing unemployment and improving access to sustainable housing including public and community housing.
- The establishment of a Joint Pathways Group has ensured that the sector has responses for people experiencing homelessness at all stages from crisis to independence. The reform of housing and homelessness services in the ACT, which commenced in 2006, has also resulted in significant moves away from a system where clients were required to change services or accommodation sites as their needs change. This work, undertaken in partnership with community agencies, consolidates the movement of Supported Accommodation Assistance Program to a client focussed, responsive approach, in which the availability of accommodation no longer determines the availability and nature of support provided.

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Northern Territory Government comments

Child Protection and supported placements

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The majority of provisions in the new Care and Protection of Children Act 2007 commenced operation on 8 December 2008, replacing the former Community Welfare Act 1983.

Features of the new Act include new principles and overriding objects for protecting children, new definitions of what constitutes abuse and neglect, new provisions to enable families to better care for their children (for example, family group conferencing), a screening system for child related employment, establishment of a Children's Commissioner to investigate complaints and oversight administration of the Act, enhanced regulation of children's services, establishment of a Child Deaths Review and Prevention Committee and additional support for young people leaving care. Day to day responsibility for administration of the Act passes to the Chief Executive of the Department of Health and Families although the Minister retains overall responsibility.

A quality auditing system was introduced in 2008 to measure compliance with key policy and legislative standards and a care and protection quality subcommittee was created in 2009 to guide quality practice and governance.

Juvenile justice services

In July 2008 the Northern Territory Government announced the introduction of the Youth Justice Strategy. The strategy is a framework for working with young people up to 18 years of age who are involved in anti-social, criminal or disruptive behaviour. As part of the strategy, amendments were made to Part 6A of the Youth Justice Act which relate to "responsible care and supervision within the family". This Act allows for certain Government agencies to enter into Family Responsibility Agreements and Family Responsibility Orders with families who are struggling with their child's behaviour, where it can be shown that the actions and/or behaviour of the family may have contributed to that behaviour.

Family support centres have been established in both Darwin and Alice Springs to implement the family responsibility amendments and provide support to families and young people.

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

Transition arrangements for the National Affordable Housing Agreement and the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness were put in place with a particular focus on initiatives to support young people and rough sleepers. Significant housing stress continues to be a feature in the Northern Territory.

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15.13 Definitions of key terms and indicators

Child protection and out-of-home care services

Activity Group 1 (pathways)

Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection or support issue

Activities that are typically associated with receipt and assessment of initial information including receipt and recording of information, review of department databases, initial assessment of information and decisions about the appropriate response. This activity can also include consultation, with possible provision of advice. Activities by non-government organisations (NGO) may be included if appropriate.

Activity Group 2 (pathways)

Provision of generic/non-intensive family support services

Activities that are typically associated with provision of lower level family support services at various stages including identification of family needs, provision of support services and diversionary services, some counselling and active linking of the family to support networks. Services are funded by government but can be delivered by either the relevant agency or a NGO. This bundle of services does not involve planned follow-up by the relevant agency after initial service delivery. The services will be delivered under voluntary arrangements between the relevant agency and family. Clients may receive these services more than once.

Activity Group 3 (pathways)

Provision of intensive family support services

Activities that are typically associated with provision of complex or intensive family support services including provision of therapeutic and in-home supports such as counselling and mediation, modelling of positive parenting strategies, referrals to intensive support services that may be provided by NGOs, advocacy on behalf of clients and intensive support for a family in a residential setting. This includes protection and treatment support services. These services may be provided if diversionary services are inappropriate to the case and may lead to statutory services being provided to the client.

Activity Group 4 (pathways)

Secondary information gathering and assessment

Activities that are typically associated with secondary information gathering and assessment are currently counted as 'investigations' in the Report on Government Services. As part of this activity group a decision may be made to substantiate or not substantiate. Information gathering activities include:

- sighting the child
- contacting people with relevant information about the child or family (for example, teachers, police, support services)
- interviewing the child, sibling(s) and parents
- observing family interactions
- obtaining assessments of the child and/or family
- conducting family group conferences
- liaising with agencies providing services to the child and family
- recording a substantiation or non-substantiation decision
- case conferences with partners and contributors in the investigation and assessment process.

Activity Group 5 (pathways)

Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children

Activities that are typically associated with provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services including:

- working with the family to address protective issues
- developing networks of support for the child
- monitoring and reviewing the safety of the child

not on an order

- monitoring and reviewing family progress against case planning goals
- case conferences with agencies providing services to the child and/or family, internal discussions and reviews
- specialist child-focused therapeutic support.

Activity Group 6 (pathways)

Seeking an order

Activities that are typically associated with seeking orders (court orders or voluntary/administrative orders) including:

- preparing applications for the order
- preparing reports for the court
- obtaining assessment reports to submit to the court
- informing parties to the court proceedings, including parents, the child, and lawyers
- informing and briefing legal counsel or internal court groups
- going through internal pre-court review processes
- attending court
- conducting family group conferences.

Activity Group 7 (pathways)

Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order

Activities that are typically associated with provision of longer-term protective intervention and coordination services including:

- monitoring the child or young person's progress and development (for example, social development and education progress) and undertaking activities that facilitate progress and development
- meeting any specific requirements of any court order
- reviewing appropriateness of the order for the circumstances of the child or young person. This usually occurs at intervals established by the court or in legislation
- reporting back to court
- long term cases involving out-of-home care.

Activity Group 8 (pathways)

Provision of out-of-home care services

Activities that are typically associated with provision of out-of-home care services including:

- finding suitable placement(s) for the child
- assisting the child or young person to maintain contact with his/her family
- in some cases, staff payments for recruiting and training carers
- assessing suitability of potential kinship carers
- assisting the child or young person to maintain contact with their family
- working to return the child home
- assisting the child or young person as they prepare to leave care as the end of the order approaches.

Care and protection orders

Legal orders or administrative/voluntary arrangements involving the community services department, issued in respect of an individual child who is deemed to be in need of care and/or protection.

Community services department involvement may include:

- total responsibility for the welfare of the child (for example, guardianship)
- responsibility for overseeing the actions of the person or authority caring for the child
- responsibility for providing or arranging accommodation, or reporting or considering the child's welfare.

The order may have been from a court, children's panel, minister of the Crown, authorised community services department officer or similar tribunal or officer.

	<p>Care and protection orders are categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalised guardianship and finalised custody orders sought through a court • third party parental responsibility orders • finalised supervision and other finalised court orders that give the department some responsibility for the child's welfare (excluding interim orders) • interim and temporary orders (including orders that are not finalised) • administrative or voluntary arrangements with the community services department, for the purpose of child protection. <p>Children are counted only once, even if they are on more than one care and protection order.</p>
Child	A person aged 0–17 years.
Child at risk	A child for whom no abuse or neglect can be substantiated but where there are reasonable grounds to suspect the possibility of prior or future abuse or neglect, and for whom continued departmental involvement is considered warranted.
Child concern reports	Reports to departments responsible for child protection regarding concerns about a child, as distinct from notifications of child abuse and neglect. The distinction between the two differs across and within jurisdictions.
Children in out-of-home care during the year	The total number of children who were in at least one out-of-home care placement at any time during the year. A child who is in more than one placement is counted only once.
Dealt with by other means	A notification that is responded to by means other than an investigation, such as the provision of advice or referral to services.
Exited out-of-home care	Where a child does not return to care within two months.
Family based care	Home-based care (see 'placement types').
Family group homes	Residential child care single dwelling establishments that have as their main purpose the provision of substitute care to children. They are typically run like family homes, with a limited number of children who eat together as a family group and are cared for around the clock by resident substitute parents.
Foster care	Care of a child who is living apart from his or her natural or adoptive parents in a private household, by one or more adults who act as 'foster parents' and are paid a regular allowance by a government authority or non-government organisation for the child's support. The authorised department or non-government organisation provides continuing supervision or support while the child remains in the care of foster parents.
Foster parent	Any person (or such a person's spouse) who is being paid a foster allowance by a government or non-government organisation for the care of a child (excluding children in family group homes).
Guardian	Any person who has the legal and ongoing care and responsibility for the protection of a child.
Indigenous person	Person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community with which he or she is associated. If Indigenous status is unknown, then a person is considered to be

	non-Indigenous.
Investigation	An investigation of child abuse and neglect that involves identifying harm or risk of harm to the child, determining an outcome and assessing protective needs. It includes the interviewing or sighting of the subject child where practicable.
Investigation finalised	Where an investigation is completed and an outcome of 'substantiated' or 'not substantiated' is recorded by 31 August.
Investigation in process	Where an investigation is commenced but an outcome is not recorded by 31 August.
Investigation closed – no outcome possible	Where an investigation is commenced but is not able to be finalised in order to reach the outcome of 'substantiated' or 'not substantiated'. These files would be closed for administrative purposes. This may happen in instances where the family have relocated.
Length of time in continuous out-of-home care	The length of time for which a child is in out-of-home care on a continuous basis. A return home of less than seven days is not considered to break the continuity of placement.
Non-respite care	Out-of-home care for children for child protection reasons.
Notification	Contact with an authorised department by persons or other bodies making allegations of child abuse or neglect, or harm to a child. Notifications can be counted at different points in the response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process.
Other relative	A grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin, whether the relationship is half, full, step or through adoption, and can be traced through or to a person whose parents were not married to each other at the time of the child's birth. This category includes members of Aboriginal communities who are accepted by that community as being related to the child.
Out-of-home care	Overnight care, including placement with relatives (other than parents) where the government makes a financial payment. Includes care of children in legal and voluntary placements (that is, children on and not on a legal order) but excludes placements made in disability services, psychiatric services, juvenile justice facilities and overnight child care services.
Placement types	Four main categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • residential care (placement in a residential building where the purpose is to provide placement for children and where there are paid staff, including placements in family group homes) • non-residential care (placement in the home of a carer who is reimbursed for expenses for the care of the child). The three subcategories of non-residential care are foster care/community care, relative/kinship care and other • independent living (including private board) • other (including unknown).
Relatives/kin	Family members other than parents, or a person well known to the child and/or family (based on an existing relationship).
Respite care	Out-of-home care on a temporary basis for reasons other than child protection — for example, when parents are ill. Excludes emergency care provided to children who are removed from their homes for protective reasons.

**Safety in
out-of-home care**

The proportion of children in out-of-home care who are the subject of a child protection substantiation, where the person believed responsible for the child abuse, neglect or harm is living in the household (or was a worker in a residential care facility).

**Stability
of placement**

Number of placements for children who have exited out-of-home care and do not return within two months. Placements exclude respite or temporary placements lasting less than seven days. Placements are counted separately where there is:

- a change in the placement type — for example, from a home-based to a facility-based placement
- within placement type, a change in venue or a change from one home-based placement to a different home-based placement.

A particular placement is counted only once, so a return to a previous placement is another placement.

Substantiation

Notification for which an investigation concludes there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has been, is being or is likely to be abused, neglected or otherwise harmed. It does not necessarily require sufficient evidence for a successful prosecution and does not imply that treatment or case management is, or is to be, provided.

Juvenile justice services

**Juvenile justice
centre**

A place administered and operated by a juvenile justice department, where young people are detained whilst under the supervision of the relevant juvenile justice department on a remand or sentenced detention episode.

**Juvenile justice
department**

Refers to those departments in each State and Territory that are responsible for juvenile justice matters.

Supervision period

A period of time during which a young person is continuously under juvenile justice supervision of one type or another. A supervision period is made up of one or more contiguous episodes.

Police caution

Refers to when a police officer administers a caution to the child instead of bringing the child before a court for the offence.

**Pre-sentence
community**

Pre-sentence arrangements where the juvenile justice department is responsible for the case management or supervision of a young person (such as supervised or conditional bail where the juvenile justice department is involved with monitoring or supervising a young person).

**Pre-sentence
detention**

Remanded or held in a juvenile justice centre or police watch house prior to appearing in court or to being sentenced.

**Sentenced
community-based
supervision**

Includes probation, recognisance and community service orders which are supervised or case managed by the juvenile justice department. May be supervision with or without additional mandated requirements, requiring some form of obligation or additional element that a young person is required to meet. This obligation could be community work such as in a community service order, a developmental activity or program attendance. The juvenile justice department may or may not directly supervise any additional

Youth justice conference / group conference

mandated requirements, but remains responsible for the overall case management of a young person.

A youth justice conference is a facilitated meeting resulting in a formal agreement to repair the harm caused by the offence. Participants can include the victim, offender, convenor, police and other key stakeholders. Referrals may be initiated by the police or the courts.

Supported accommodation and assistance services

Accommodation

Crisis or short term accommodation, medium term to long term accommodation, and other SAAP funded accommodation (which comprises accommodation at hostels, motels and hotels, accommodation in caravans, community placements and other SAAP funded arrangements).

Accommodation load (of agencies)

The number of accommodation days divided by the number of days for which the agency is operational during the reporting period, where the number of accommodation days equals the sum of accommodation days for all clients of an agency who are supported during the reporting period. The average accommodation load is the mean value of all agencies' accommodation loads. Support periods without valid accommodation dates are assigned the interquartile modal duration of accommodation for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

Agency

The body or establishment with which the State or Territory government or its representative agrees to provide a SAAP service. The legal entity has to be incorporated. Funding from the State or Territory government could be allocated directly (that is, from the government department) or indirectly (that is, from the auspice of the agency). The SAAP service could be provided at the agency's location or through an outlet at a different location.

Caseload (of agencies)

The number of support days (the sum of support days for all clients of the agency who are supported during the reporting period) divided by the number of days for which the agency is operational during the reporting period. The average caseload is the mean value of all agencies' caseloads. Support periods without valid support dates are assigned the interquartile modal duration of support for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

Client (SAAP)

A person who is accommodated by a SAAP agency, or enters into an ongoing support relationship with a SAAP agency, or receives support or assistance from a SAAP agency which entails generally 1 hour or more of a worker's time.

Crisis or short term supported accommodation

Supported accommodation for periods of generally not more than three months (short term), and for persons needing immediate short term accommodation (crisis).

Cross target/multiple/general services

SAAP services targeted at more than one primary client group category — for example, SAAP services for single persons regardless of their gender.

Day support

Support provided only on a walk-in basis — for example, an agency that provides a drop-in centre, showering facilities and a meals service at the location of the SAAP agency.

Homeless person	<p>A person who does not have access to safe, secure and adequate housing. A person is considered to not have such access if the only housing to which he or she has access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is damaged, or is likely to damage, the person's health • threatens the person's safety • marginalises the person by failing to provide access to adequate personal amenities or the economic and social supports that a home normally affords • places the person in circumstances that threaten or adversely affect the adequacy, safety, security and affordability of that housing • is of unsecured tenure. <p>A person is also considered homeless if living in accommodation provided by a SAAP agency or some other form of emergency accommodation.</p>
Indigenous person	<p>A person who is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent, who identifies as being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and who is accepted as such by the community with which they are associated.</p>
Medium term to long term supported accommodation	<p>Supported accommodation for periods over three months. Medium term is around three to six months and long term is longer than six months.</p>
Multiple service delivery model	<p>SAAP agencies that use more than one service delivery model to provide SAAP services — for example, crisis or short term accommodation and support, as well as day support (that is, the provision of meals).</p>
Non-English speaking background services	<p>Services that are targeted at persons whose first language is not English.</p>
One-off assistance	<p>Assistance provided to a person who is not a client, such as the provision of a meal, a shower, transport, money, clothing, telephone advice, information or a referral.</p>
Ongoing support period	<p>A support period for which, at the end of the reporting period, no support end date and no after-support information are provided.</p>
Outlet	<p>A premise owned/managed/leased by an agency at which SAAP services are delivered. Excludes accommodation purchased using SAAP funds (for example, at a motel).</p>
Outreach support services	<p>Services that exist to provide support and other related assistance specifically to homeless people. These clients may be isolated and able to receive services and support from a range of options that enhance their flexibility (for example, advocacy, life skills and counselling). Generalist support and accommodation services may also provide outreach support in the form of follow-up to clients where they are housed. In this context, support is provided 'off site'.</p>
Providers	<p>Agencies that supply support and accommodation services.</p>
Real expenditure	<p>Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices. Adjustments are made using the GDP(E) price deflator and expressed in terms of final year prices.</p>
Recurrent funding	<p>Funding provided by the Australian, State and Territory governments to cover operating costs, salaries and rent.</p>

Referral	When a SAAP agency contacts another agency and that agency accepts the person concerned for an appointment or interview. A referral is not provided if the person is not accepted for an appointment or interview.
SAAP service	Supported accommodation, support or one-off assistance that is provided by a SAAP agency and intended to be used by homeless persons.
Service delivery model	The mode or manner in which a service is provided through an agency. The modes of service delivery could be described as crisis or short term accommodation and support; medium term to long term accommodation and support; day support; outreach support; telephone information; and referral or agency support. An agency may deliver its services through one or more of these means of delivery.
Service provider	A worker or volunteer employed and/or engaged by a SAAP agency, who either directly provides a SAAP service or in some way contributes to the provision of a SAAP service. Includes administrative staff of an agency, whether paid or not paid.
Single men services	Services provided for males who present to the SAAP agency without a partner or children.
Single women services	Services provided for females who present to the SAAP agency without a partner or children.
Support	SAAP services, other than supported accommodation, that are provided to assist homeless people or persons at imminent risk of becoming homeless to achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence. Support is ongoing and provided as part of a client relationship between the SAAP agency and the homeless person.
Support period	<p>The period that commences when a SAAP client establishes or re-establishes (after the cessation of a previous support period) an ongoing relationship with a SAAP agency. The support period ends when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support ceases because the SAAP client terminates the relationship with the SAAP agency • support ceases because the SAAP agency terminates the relationship with the SAAP client • no support is provided to the SAAP client for a period of one month. <p>A support period is relevant to the provision of supported accommodation or support, not the provision of one-off assistance.</p>
Supported accommodation	Accommodation provided by a SAAP agency in conjunction with support. The accommodation component of supported accommodation is provided in the form of beds in particular locations or accommodation purchased using SAAP funds (for example, at a motel). Agencies that provide accommodation without providing support are considered to provide supported accommodation.
Telephone information and referral	Support delivered via telephone without face-to-face contact. Support provided may include information and/or referral.
Total funding	Funding for allocation to agencies (not available at the individual

Unmet demand

client group level) for training, equipment and other administration costs.

Women escaping domestic violence services

A homeless person who seeks supported accommodation or support, but is not provided with that supported accommodation or support. The person may receive one-off assistance.

Youth/young people services

Services specifically designed to assist women and women accompanied by their children, who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless as a result of violence and/or abuse.

Services provided for people who are independent and above the school leaving age for the State or Territory concerned, and who present to the SAAP agency unaccompanied by a parent/guardian.

15.14 Attachment tables

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Table 15A.1 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Total real expenditure						
Child protection services						
NSW	\$'000	222 903	242 654	263 702	296 578	260 429
Vic	\$'000	110 121	112 041	117 375	124 459	128 020
Qld (c)	\$'000	139 673	158 276	175 390	202 598	221 830
WA (d)	\$'000	27 388	29 602	34 105	42 880	51 007
SA (e)	\$'000	32 969	33 243	33 476	36 388	35 856
Tas (f)	\$'000	6 540	7 741	14 545	16 944	18 972
ACT	\$'000	14 835	13 385	12 001	10 417	10 861
NT (g)	\$'000	10 767	9 560	9 440	11 912	15 254
Australia (h)	\$'000	565 196	606 501	660 034	742 175	742 229
Out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	336 269	339 768	399 877	487 279	552 449
Vic (i)	\$'000	208 491	211 898	218 939	232 737	245 962
Qld (c)	\$'000	193 321	237 561	288 632	305 693	308 980
WA (j)	\$'000	84 588	86 956	97 569	128 037	154 882
SA (e)	\$'000	41 233	46 497	80 151	89 746	99 970
Tas (f), (k)	\$'000	21 689	27 530	31 618	27 242	25 758
ACT (l)	\$'000	24 294	21 354	20 496	20 317	20 228
NT (g)	\$'000	13 585	19 498	21 036	28 430	34 813
Australia (h)	\$'000	923 471	991 063	1 158 318	1 319 481	1 443 042
Child protection and out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	559 172	582 423	663 579	783 857	812 878
Vic (i)	\$'000	318 612	323 938	336 314	357 196	373 982
Qld	\$'000	332 994	395 837	464 022	508 291	530 810
WA (d), (j)	\$'000	111 976	116 558	131 674	170 917	205 889
SA (e)	\$'000	74 202	79 741	113 627	126 133	135 826
Tas (f), (k), (o)	\$'000	28 228	35 271	46 163	44 186	44 731
ACT	\$'000	39 131	34 738	32 497	30 734	31 089
NT	\$'000	24 352	29 059	30 476	40 341	50 067
Australia	\$'000	1 488 667	1 597 564	1 818 351	2 061 656	2 185 272
Intensive family support services						
NSW (m)	\$'000	7 463	7 569	21 049	20 972	138 338
Vic (n)	\$'000	16 575	20 310	24 560	43 424	44 310
Qld (c)	\$'000	40 819	45 550	56 374	63 931	59 864
WA	\$'000	3 438	3 426	3 435	3 723	3 887
SA	\$'000	1 776	1 752	1 851	1 826	3 588
Tas (p)	\$'000	1 038	1 183	191	222	2 271
ACT	\$'000	614	680	1 132	1 503	1 477
NT	\$'000	na	na	457	475	717
Australia (h)	\$'000	71 723	80 470	109 050	136 075	254 452

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Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Real expenditure per child (q)						
Child protection services						
NSW	\$	148.42	162.35	173.51	195.52	170.21
Vic	\$	100.88	102.24	105.06	110.11	111.58
Qld	\$	152.63	170.36	182.12	207.51	220.89
WA (d)	\$	60.00	64.14	71.89	88.67	102.57
SA	\$	101.57	102.41	101.61	109.92	107.64
Tas (f)	\$	59.23	70.10	131.68	152.94	170.27
ACT	\$	207.22	187.62	166.80	143.51	147.30
NT	\$	191.18	168.04	161.79	202.68	257.72
Australia (h)	\$	124.82	133.46	142.11	158.57	156.05
Out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	211.25	214.24	247.89	302.30	339.79
Vic	\$	180.03	182.18	184.34	193.64	201.72
Qld	\$	199.39	241.13	282.61	294.85	289.82
WA (j)	\$	174.30	177.21	193.43	249.04	293.31
SA	\$	119.53	134.70	228.55	254.62	281.85
Tas (f)	\$	185.06	234.68	269.50	231.12	217.55
ACT	\$	319.19	281.35	267.20	262.70	257.84
NT	\$	229.15	326.02	341.44	457.91	557.08
Australia (h)	\$	192.30	205.48	234.82	265.25	285.56
Child protection and out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	351.28	367.24	411.36	486.29	499.98
Vic	\$	275.12	278.51	283.16	297.20	306.72
Qld	\$	343.45	401.78	454.35	490.27	497.90
WA (d), (j)	\$	230.74	237.53	261.04	332.45	389.90
SA	\$	215.10	231.00	324.01	357.85	382.95
Tas (f)	\$	240.86	300.66	393.47	374.87	377.78
ACT	\$	514.12	457.70	423.65	397.39	396.28
NT	\$	410.75	485.87	494.66	649.78	801.17
Australia	\$	309.99	331.23	368.62	414.45	432.44
Intensive family support services						
NSW (m)	\$	4.69	4.77	13.05	13.01	85.09
Vic (n)	\$	14.31	17.46	20.68	36.13	36.34
Qld	\$	42.10	46.23	55.20	61.66	56.15
WA	\$	7.08	6.98	6.81	7.24	7.36
SA	\$	5.15	5.08	5.28	5.18	10.12
Tas (p)	\$	8.86	10.08	1.63	1.88	19.18
ACT	\$	8.07	8.96	14.75	19.44	18.83
NT	\$	na	na	7.42	7.65	11.47
Australia (h)	\$	15.12	16.89	22.11	27.35	50.35

Table 15A.1 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
(a)	Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.					
(b)	Numbers may not calculate exactly due to rounding errors.					
(c)	Queensland expenditure from 2004-05 onwards reflects full absorption costing on an accrual accounting basis.					
(d)	The increase in expenditure in 2007-08 is due partly to a shift in field staff time towards this service and away from out-of-scope services. This increase is also due to the filling of new case worker positions provided in the previous budget process. Increase in expenditure in 2006-07 is due to WA's revised definitions of child protection notifications which includes previously out of scope expenditure, and additional funding for new caseworkers and support staff. The increase in expenditure in 2008-09 is due to the expenditure of additional funding received for the implementation of mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse including the allocation of additional child protection staff and the establishment of a mandatory reporting unit. The increase is also a result of the provision of additional child protection staff to address increases in demand for child protection work.					
(e)	Figures from 2004-05 adjusted for correction.					
(f)	Expenditure has increased in 2006-07 due to the inclusion of case management salary costs that were previously reported in out-of-home care. In 2007-08, salary expenditure relates to people working across CAFS, rather than 100 per cent CP and OOHC, and are treated as overhead and a reduction in Support Worker and Rostered Carer costs. Assessment and OOHC expenditure now more accurately recorded due to changed financial management data capture. In 2007-08 expenditure by umbrella or other department increased due to the following: New Area Management Structure overhead (\$2.0m), Corporate Overhead due to Agency corporate area expanding (\$1.1m), Directorate overhead (\$1200), a review of all services, predominantly CP & OOHC (\$0.6m), and an additional \$0.7m expenditure on staff, increased IT and other positions. Salary costs increased in 2008-09 due to the impact of a significant payrise. Non salary expenses increased due to the inclusion in of "relatives allowance" payments.					
(g)	The change in split of caes between OoHC and CP from 2004-05 to 2005-06 may be attributed to cases previously counted as OoHC even if CP activity is still occurring, growth in OoHC cases and expansion of care options for more difficult/complex children where costs are higher.					
(h)	The Australian figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The Australian figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions divided by the sum of the residential population for the target groups (0–16 or 0–17 years).					
(i)	Victorian expenditure for 2004-05 includes additional funding for Aboriginal Family Decision Making, Adolescent Medication and Diversion and Foster Care Initiatives and data revisions.					
(j)	The 2007-08 expenditure has increased as a result of a 13 per cent increase in the number of children and young people in care compared with 2006-07. The foster care subsidy also increased by \$50 per fortnight in 2007-08. A higher level of expenditure in 2006-07 is due to a 20 per cent increase in the number of children in the CEO's care compared to 2005-06, and additional funding for new caseworkers and support staff. The higher expenditure in 2008-09 is due to increased expenditure on providing placements for high-need children and young people in care as well as expenditure of additional funding to reform and expand residential care services. In addition, increased funding was provided for additional caseworkers to support the continuing increases in the number of children and young people in care.					

Table 15A.1 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
(k)	In 2005-06, there was an increase in operational employee costs due to a large increase in staff numbers and an increase in the number of out-of-home care placements during the year. Expenditure in 2006-07 includes 18 months of back pay that was paid to Rostered Carers relating to previous financial years (\$1.3m). There has been an overall reduction in expenses for 2008-09 due to: (1) a reduction in salary expenses due to vacancies and streamlining of services; and (2) a reduction in umbrella costs due to a change in the allocation process. However there was an increase in non-salary expenses due to: (1) an increase in the number of children in care; (2) an increase in service delivery costs for rostered care; and (3) the inclusion in 2008-09 of OOHC grant payments made to NGOs for cottage care, the peak body and an empowerment course for OOHC clients.					
(l)	The decreased expenditure on out-of-home care costs compared to 2004-05 relates primarily to the exclusion of certain services costs not associated with the provision of out-of-home care. These costs have been included in previous years.					
(m)	In 2008-09, NSW IFSS expenditure included expenditure relating to the NSW targeted early intervention program, Brighter Futures. This revised methodology for calculating the expenditure for IFSS better reflects funding for programs relating to preventing family dysfunction, improving family					
(n)	Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included in 2007-08 for the first time. The increase in client numbers reflects the accumulated increase over recent years.					
(o)	The decrease in Tasmania's real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services from 2006-07 to 2007-08 has occurred because of a one-off back-payment in salary expenses of \$1.3 million for 2006-07 that had accrued from previous financial years.					
(p)	In 2005-06 there was a dedicated team for IFSS, this team was disbanded in 2006-07 as a general family support program was funded with the expectation that this area would be reduced. In 2008-09, salary costs increased as Early Support Program (ESP) coordinators were identified as providing Intensive Family Support Services. During 2008-09 the ESP was extended to the entire state of Tasmania and a centrally managed information system was established. Non-salary costs also increased significantly due to inclusion of the ESP grants paid to NGOs for service delivery.					
(q)	For child protection services, expenditure per child relates to children aged 16 years and under in the residential population. For out-of-home care and total child protection and out-of-home care services, expenditure per child relates to children aged 17 years and under in the residential population.					

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); tables 15A.30, 15A.31 and AA.26.

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per notification					
NSW	1 668	1 588	1 388	1 516	1 219
Vic (d)	2 935	2 949	3 035	2 991	2 988
Qld	3 421	4 709	6 152	8 103	9 477
WA (e)	8 543	8 930	4 429	4 777	5 021
SA	1 887	2 206	1 816	1 745	1 544
Tas	606	594	1 003	1 317	1 834
ACT	2 039	1 660	1 378	1 161	1 132
NT	5 125	3 339	3 155	3 255	2 465
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per investigation					
NSW	3 806	3 194	2 308	2 156	1 722
Vic (d)	9 263	9 420	10 387	11 145	11 413
Qld	3 864	4 709	6 152	8 103	9 477
WA	8 662	9 280	8 740	9 783	12 255
SA	5 251	6 866	5 766	6 673	6 057
Tas	3 568	2 024	3 178	5 202	7 728
ACT (f)	4 917	4 066	4 348	6 652	5 472
NT	9 124	8 000	6 260	5 909	5 411
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per substantiation					
NSW	14 387	8 140	7 109	8 688	7 642
Vic (d)	14 885	14 814	17 190	19 554	20 180
Qld	8 070	12 005	17 352	25 236	30 325
WA	24 808	30 835	27 660	29 290	33 491
SA	13 829	17 921	14 931	15 610	14 823
Tas	8 363	9 761	11 617	13 957	15 970
ACT	12 230	10 481	14 086	12 596	12 122
NT	22 763	19 917	15 201	15 756	17 779

- (a) These data need to be interpreted with care. These data are based on total expenditure on child protection activities, they do not represent and cannot be interpreted as unit costs for notifications, investigations or substantiations. These data cannot be added together to determine overall cost of child protection services.
- (b) Refer to the notes to table 15A.1 and to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (c) 2006-07 data for some jurisdictions for 'annual real expenditure per investigation' and 'annual real expenditure per notification' may not be strictly comparable with previous years, due to the introduction of a new investigation category 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' in 2006-07. Cases where an investigation was closed and where no outcome was possible may previously have been recorded as 'dealt with by other means' or 'investigations in process'.

Table 15A.2 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b), (c)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(d)	During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.				
(e)	The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification. 'Expenditure per notification' in 2006-07 is therefore not comparable with previous years.				
(f)	The apparent increase in expenditure per investigation in 2007-08 is due to the decline in the number of investigations since the introduction of differential response in the ACT and does not represent any real increase in expenditure.				
	na Not available.				

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table AA.26.

Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08 (c)</i>	<i>2008-09 (d)</i>
Real expenditure						
Residential out-of-home care services (e)						
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	89 590	88 672	91 493	104 331	115 726
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	29 606	30 435	35 125	46 093	54 209
SA	\$'000	9 415	9 447	35 942	39 841	44 633
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	5 786
ACT	\$'000	10 859	8 931	9 167	9 442	9 483
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	118 901	123 225	127 445	128 407	130 236
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	54 982	56 521	62 444	81 943	100 673
SA	\$'000	31 819	37 051	44 209	49 904	55 337
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	19 972
ACT	\$'000	13 436	12 423	11 329	10 875	10 745
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	336 269	339 768	399 877	487 279	552 449
Vic	\$'000	208 491	211 898	218 939	232 737	245 962
Qld	\$'000	193 321	237 561	288 632	305 693	308 980
WA	\$'000	84 588	86 956	97 569	128 037	154 882
SA	\$'000	41 233	46 497	80 151	89 746	99 970
Tas	\$'000	21 689	27 530	31 618	27 242	25 758
ACT	\$'000	24 294	21 354	20 496	20 317	20 228
NT	\$'000	13 585	19 498	21 036	28 430	34 813
Real expenditure per child in out-of-home care at 30 June (f)						
Residential out-of-home care services (e)						
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	245 452	255 540	271 494	244 908	242 105
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	238 756	271 742	252 698	317 886	553 153
SA	\$	235 367	188 932	254 907	240 008	257 994
Tas	\$	na	na	na	na	186 647
ACT	\$	193 917	207 700	208 333	200 898	178 925
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services, (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08 (c)</i>	<i>2008-09 (d)</i>
Non-residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	29 570	27 898	27 267	27 872	27 315
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	33 960	31 861	29 139	35 366	40 725
SA	\$	25 764	27 005	30 157	31 625	31 675
Tas	\$	na	na	na	na	27 063
ACT	\$	47 478	36 645	32 368	29 234	24 420
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	36 432	34 334	33 765	35 919	36 319
Vic	\$	47 298	44 201	43 337	46 032	46 557
Qld	\$	34 174	40 429	48 331	45 831	43 561
WA	\$	46 248	44 185	41 151	50 289	57 749
SA	\$	31 026	31 060	47 766	48 748	49 588
Tas	\$	37 654	40 308	47 404	41 027	31 879
ACT	\$	71 036	55 035	51 367	47 805	40 947
NT	\$	41 930	55 393	52 988	71 431	72 226

- (a) Refer to the notes to table 15A.1 and to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (b) Numbers may not calculate exactly due to rounding errors.
- (c) SA has provided revised 2006-07 data for residential OOHC and non-residential OOHC, which corrects data previously provided for 2006-07.
- (d) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.
- (e) Residential out-of-home care services include family group homes.
- (f) These data need to be interpreted with care because they do not represent and cannot be interpreted as unit cost measures. Expenditure per child in care at 30 June overstates the cost per child because significantly more children are in care during a year than at a point in time. In addition, these data do not reflect the length of time that a child spends in care.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table AA.26.

Table 15A.4

Table 15A.4 **Comparability of government recurrent expenditure — items included, 2008-09**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Superannuation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Accrual	na	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	na	Accrual	Accrual
Workers compensation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Payroll tax								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Termination and long service leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Other	Accruing	Accruing	Accruing	Actual	Actual	Accruing	Other
Sick leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Actual	Actual	Actual	na	Actual	Actual	Actual	Other
Depreciation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Rent								
Included	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Utilities								
Included	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Umbrella department costs								
Included	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Dept formula	na	Dept formula	Dept formula	Other	Other	Dept formula	Dept formula

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a), (b)**

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

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a), (b)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.5 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a), (b)

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.33, 15A.50, 15A.67, 15A.84, 15A.101, 15A.118, 15A.135 and 15A.152.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (number) (a)**

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

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.34, 15A.51, 15A.68, 15A.85, 15A.102, 15A.119, 15A.136 and 15A.153.

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2009 (number) (a)

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.35, 15A.52, 15A.69, 15A.86, 15A.103, 15A.120, 15A.137 and 15A.154.

Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

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

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

Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(b) Data on the number of notifications by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care. These data are collected very early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. As a result of this lack of full knowledge and the other inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status, these data are not considered to have a high level of reliability.

Source: Tables 15A.30, 15A.31, 15A.36, 15A.53, 15A.70, 15A.87, 15A.104, 15A.121, 15A.138 and 15A.154.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, 2007-08 (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 606	90	507	58	126	39	23	20
Proportion of children (c)	%	3.4	2.2	3.4	2.3	4.9	4.1	3.6	2.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	4 783	436	1 338	153	369	129	208	84
Proportion of children (c)	%	10.2	10.7	9.0	6.2	14.3	13.4	32.3	8.4

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

(b) Jurisdictions are now providing the denominator for this indicator (denominator is all children who were the subject of a substantiation). Previously the denominator was derived by the AIHW. Data in this Report may therefore differ from previous Reports.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: Tables 15A.37, 15A.54, 15A.71, 15A.88, 15A.105, 15A.122, 15A.139 and 15A.152.

Table 15A.10 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, 2007-08 (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 236	150	689	51	171	51	71	36
Proportion of children (c)	%	9.8	2.2	6.6	2.7	9.3	3.6	13.0	5.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 742	645	1 653	158	391	166	157	87
Proportion of children (c)	%	21.6	9.5	15.7	8.4	21.4	11.8	28.8	12.3

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

(b) Jurisdictions are now providing the denominator for this indicator (denominator is all children who were the subject of a substantiation). Previously the denominator was derived by the AIHW. Data in this Report may therefore differ from previous Reports.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: Tables 15A.38, 15A.55, 15A.72, 15A.89, 15A.106, 15A.123, 15A.140 and 15A.157.

Table 15A.11 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 3 level, 2003 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
Victoria	94.8 (85.6–98.9)	90.4 (88.3–92.5)	93.5 (84.3–98.2)	95.8 (95.3–96.3)
Queensland	81.5 (73.9–87.6)	93.8 (92.2–95.4)	77.7 (69.9–84.3)	92.1 (90.5–93.7)
SA	60.0 (44.3–74.3)	89.7 (88.1–91.3)	75.6 (60.5–87.1)	90.1 (88.4–91.8)
Tasmania (e)	92.9 (66.1–99.8)	96.4 (95.6–97.2)	73.3 (44.9–92.2)	93.9 (92.5–95.3)
ACT (e)	57.1 (18.4–90.1)	96.2 (95.3–97.1)	100.0 (59.0–100.0)	95.2 (94.1–96.3)

- (a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.
- (b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.
- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95 per cent confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data are only available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the ACT).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions is very small.

Source: AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study.* AIHW cat.no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level, 2003 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
Victoria	77.1 (62.7–88.0)	89.6 (88.4–90.8)	84.9 (72.4–93.3)	94.7 (94.0–95.4)
Queensland	52.2 (44.1–60.2)	81.4 (78.9–83.9)	63.6 (55.7–71.0)	86.3 (84.7–87.9)
SA	65.6 (52.3–77.3)	88.6 (87.2–90.0)	68.9 (55.7–80.1)	90.7 (89.5–91.9)
Tasmania (e)	94.4 (72.7–99.9)	95.2 (94.3–96.1)	66.7 (41.0–86.7)	92.4 (91.2–93.6)
ACT (e)	85.7 (42.1–99.6)	96.1 (95.0–97.2)	66.7 (22.3–95.7)	91.9 (90.2–93.6)

- (a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.
- (b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.
- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95 per cent confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data are only available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the ACT).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions is very small.

Source: AIHW (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study.* AIHW cat.no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.13

Table 15A.13 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 7 level, 2003 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
Victoria	78.1 (66.0–87.5)	90.3 (89.7–90.9)	53.5 (41.3–65.5)	85.8 (85.1–86.5)
Queensland	65.6 (57.6–73.0)	89.3 (88.2–90.4)	57.6 (49.5–65.4)	85.2 (84.6–85.8)
SA	79.0 (66.8–88.3)	92.9 (92.3–93.5)	61.3 (48.1–73.4)	85.2 (84.4–86.0)
Tasmania (e)	50.0 (27.2–72.8)	88.3 (87.2–89.4)	45.0 (23.1–68.5)	80.6 (79.5–81.7)
ACT (e)	100.0 (54.1–100.0)	91.4 (90.3–92.5)	42.9 (9.9–81.6)	86.4 (84.8–88.0)

- (a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.
- (b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.
- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95 per cent confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data are only available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the ACT).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions is very small.

Source: AIHW (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study.*
AIHW cat.no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 **Response time to commence investigation, 2008-09 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of investigations commenced									
Up to 7 days	no.	na	9 046	7 804	3 086	3 841	880	1 351	1 279
8 to 14 days	no.	na	1 354	1 428	250	801	218	249	339
15 to 21 days	no.	na	457	1 233	190	373	182	161	194
22 to 28 days	no.	na	188	1 000	94	258	149	80	144
29 days or more	no.	na	332	10 948	648	607	675	158	649
Total	no.	na	11 377	22 413	4 268	5 880	2 104	1 999	2 605
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation									
Up to 7 days	%	na	79.5	34.8	72.3	65.3	41.8	67.6	49.1
8 to 14 days	%	na	11.9	6.4	5.9	13.6	10.4	12.5	13.0
15 to 21 days	%	na	4.0	5.5	4.5	6.3	8.7	8.1	7.4
22 to 28 days	%	na	1.7	4.5	2.2	4.4	7.1	4.0	5.5
29 days or more	%	na	2.9	48.8	15.2	10.3	32.1	7.9	24.9
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Caution should be used when interpreting results as jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a report, and have different policies and protocols governing the type of response to a notification.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Response time to complete investigation, 2008-09 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of investigations completed during 2008-09									
28 days or less	no.	na	3 974	5 004	1 367	3 667	417	991	1 681
29 to 62 days	no.	na	2 300	5 630	906	1 258	621	526	386
63 to 90 days	no.	na	1 355	2 869	656	388	426	153	154
More than 90 days	no.	na	3 508	11 950	1 836	503	788	87	462
Total	no.	na	11 137	25 453	4 765	5 816	2 252	1 757	2 683
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation									
28 days or less	%	na	35.7	19.7	28.7	63.1	18.5	56.4	62.7
29 to 62 days	%	na	20.7	22.1	19.0	21.6	27.6	29.9	14.4
63 to 90 days	%	na	12.2	11.3	13.8	6.7	18.9	8.7	5.7
More than 90 days	%	na	31.5	46.9	38.5	8.6	35.0	5.0	17.2
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Caution should be used when interpreting results as jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a report, and have different policies and protocols governing the type of response to a notification.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
Non-Indigenous	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124	23 557
All children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482	34 069
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	71.3	48.7	36.0	38.8	41.7	15.8	52.4	13.2	44.8
Non-Indigenous	6.6	3.8	4.6	3.0	4.4	6.2	5.1	3.5	4.9
All children	9.4	4.3	6.7	5.1	5.7	6.8	6.3	7.7	6.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	5 798	1 073	3 136	1 491	656	152	175	543	13 024
Non-Indigenous	12 200	6 753	6 391	1 965	1 863	859	717	204	30 952
All children	17 998	7 826	9 527	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747	43 976
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	83.2	71.5	45.9	48.4	52.8	18.5	92.5	20.1	55.8
Non-Indigenous	7.9	5.6	6.4	4.0	5.5	7.8	9.4	5.8	6.4
All children	11.1	6.4	9.0	6.6	7.1	8.5	11.4	12.0	8.7

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.30, 15A.31, 15A.40, 15A.57, 15A.74, 15A.91, 15A.108, 15A.125, 15A.142 and 15A.159.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2009 (number) (a) (b)**

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.17 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2009 (number) (a) (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (c)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
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Source: Tables 15A.41, 15A.58, 15A.75, 15A.92, 15A.109, 15A.126, 15A.143 and 15A.160.

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June 2009 (number) (a)**

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

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.42, 15A.59, 15A.76, 15A.93, 15A.110, 15A.127, 15A.144 and 15A.161.

Table 15A.19

Table 15A.19 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2009 (number) (a)**

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

Table 15A.19 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2009 (number) (a)

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

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.43, 15A.60, 15A.77, 15A.94, 15A.111, 15A.128, 15A.145 and 15A.162.

Table 15A.20

Table 15A.20 **Children who exited care during the year 2008-09 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	173	67	173	20	36	4	21	na
6 months to less than 1 year	106	35	81	10	11	2	4	na
1 to less than 2 years	154	34	98	30	35	6	–	na
2 to less than 5 years	143	39	93	46	14	6	2	na
5 years or more	163	12	55	37	11	2	1	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	739	187	500	143	107	20	28	na
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	382	418	431	57	77	58	39	na
6 months to less than 1 year	234	213	188	46	34	16	12	na
1 to less than 2 years	303	196	248	47	41	19	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	248	228	252	94	65	21	11	na
5 years or more	341	93	131	57	50	16	12	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	1 508	1 148	1 250	301	267	130	82	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	555	485	604	77	113	62	60	na
6 months to less than 1 year	340	248	269	56	45	18	16	na
1 to less than 2 years	457	230	346	77	76	25	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	391	267	345	140	79	27	13	na
5 years or more	504	105	186	94	61	18	13	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	2 247	1 335	1 750	444	374	150	110	na

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.44, 15A.61, 15A.78, 15A.95, 15A.112, 15A.129, 15A.146 and 15A.163.

Table 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2009										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	3 303	343	855	693	265	33	46	79	5 617
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 317	1 620	1 524	494	502	196	181	28	9 862
All children	no.	8 620	1 963	2 379	1 187	767	229	227	107	15 479
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	66.2	46.7	34.5	57.9	50.9	25.4	46.0	22.1	53.4
Non-Indigenous	%	52.0	35.6	33.0	33.3	33.6	28.9	45.9	22.6	41.9
All children	%	56.7	37.2	33.5	44.3	38.0	28.3	46.0	22.2	45.4
2008										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	2 926	279	767	651	229	30	35	52	4 969
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 797	1 548	1 479	485	434	150	133	20	9 046
All children	no.	7 723	1 827	2 246	1 136	663	180	168	72	14 015
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	67.8	42.3	36.8	60.4	49.0	29.4	43.2	18.5	54.8
Non-Indigenous	%	51.9	35.2	32.3	33.0	31.6	26.7	38.7	17.1	40.9
All children	%	56.9	36.1	33.7	44.6	36.0	27.1	39.5	18.1	45.0
2007										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	2 526	260	705	573	180	27	43	45	4 359
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 254	1 521	1 379	444	373	128	107	13	8 219
All children	no.	6 780	1 781	2 084	1 017	553	155	150	58	12 578
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.5	41.5	40.3	58.6	44.4	23.9	48.3	16.8	55.1
Non-Indigenous	%	52.2	34.4	32.7	31.9	29.3	23.1	34.5	10.1	40.2
All children	%	57.2	35.3	34.9	42.9	33.0	23.2	37.6	14.6	44.3
2006										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44	3 397
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13	6 919
All children	no.	5 536	1 616	1 650	808	359	148	142	57	10 316
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	67.3	42.2	34.8	59.0	38.2	20.4	47.6	17.8	52.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.2	32.6	25.8	29.6	19.5	21.9	33.7	12.4	36.5
All children	%	55.9	33.7	28.1	41.1	24.0	21.7	36.6	16.2	40.5

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

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

Table 15A.21 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a)

<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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Source: Tables 15A.45, 15A.62, 15A.79, 15A.96, 15A.113, 15A.130, 15A.147 and 15A.164.

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2009 (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
	Indigenous relative/kin	no.	2 759	181	590	607	13	40	116	4 510
	Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	544	162	265	96	20	6	–	1 154
	Total placed with relative/kin	no.	3 303	343	855	703	33	46	116	5 664
	Other Indigenous carer	no.	843	75	566	169	3	9	52	1 829
	Indigenous residential care	no.	23	13	24	26	–	3	–	107
	Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	866	88	590	195	3	12	52	1 936
	Total children	no.	4 169	431	1 445	898	36	58	168	7 600
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
	Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	741	233	925	221	89	29	186	2 511
	In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	53	60	111	73	5	13	–	350
	Total children	no.	794	293	1 036	294	94	42	186	2 861
	Independent living/unknown	no.	28	10	..	5	–	–	4	51
	Total Indigenous children in care	no.	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	130	100	358	10 512
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
	Indigenous relative/kin	%	55.6	25.0	23.8	50.9	10.0	40.0	32.8	43.1
	Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	11.0	22.4	10.7	8.1	15.4	6.0	–	11.0
	Total placed with relative/kin	%	66.6	47.4	34.5	59.0	25.4	46.0	32.8	54.1
	Other Indigenous carer	%	17.0	10.4	22.8	14.2	2.3	9.0	14.7	17.5
	Indigenous residential care	%	0.5	1.8	1.0	2.2	–	3.0	–	1.0
	Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	17.4	12.2	23.8	16.4	2.3	12.0	14.7	18.5
	Total children	%	84.0	59.5	58.2	75.3	27.7	58.0	47.5	72.7

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2009 (a), (b), (c)

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care									
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	14.9	32.2	37.3	18.5	68.5	29.0	52.5	24.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.1	8.3	4.5	6.1	3.8	13.0	–	3.3
Total children	%	16.0	40.5	41.8	24.7	72.3	42.0	52.5	27.3
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

(c) Residential care includes family group homes.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.46, 15A.63, 15A.80, 15A.97, 15A.114, 15A.131, 15A.148 and 15A.165.

Table 15A.23

Table 15A.23 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement by Indigenous status, 30 June 2009 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Number of children										
Indigenous	no.	3 424	467	1 862	907	343	97	60	250	7 410
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 749	2 575	3 048	994	892	463	242	66	15 029
All children	no.	10 173	3 042	4 910	1 901	1 235	560	302	316	22 439
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Indigenous	%	99.8	96.5	97.9	91.4	91.7	95.1	95.2	94.0	97.3
Non-Indigenous	%	99.7	97.5	98.5	97.0	91.5	96.3	100.0	91.7	98.3
All children	%	99.8	97.4	98.3	94.2	91.5	96.1	99.0	93.5	97.9

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

Source: Tables 15A.47, 15A.64, 15A.81, 15A.98, 15A.115, 15A.132, 15A.149 and 15A.166.

Table 15A.24

Table 15A.24 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2008-09									
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care									
1 placement	306	189	344	38	19	39	48	na	983
2 placements	104	95	93	15	8	20	10	na	345
3 placements	25	61	26	5	9	2	1	na	129
4-5 placements	6	21	2	4	3	1	1	na	38
6-10 placements	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	na	2
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	441	368	465	62	39	62	60	na	1 497
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care									
1 placement	110	80	100	25	11	2	5	na	333
2 placement	56	52	82	15	11	7	5	na	228
3 placement	26	35	44	7	8	5	4	na	129
4-5 placement	4	24	16	2	5	2	1	na	54
6-10 placements	-	8	2	3	-	1	1	na	15
11 or more placements	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	na	1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	196	200	244	52	35	17	16	na	760
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	108	69	88	29	15	6	3	na	318
2 placement	79	48	118	15	20	4	2	na	286
3 placement	41	27	60	13	3	2	-	na	146
4-5 placement	41	34	62	9	17	9	1	na	173
6-10 placements	9	10	11	2	8	3	2	na	45
11 or more placements	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	na	3
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	278	190	339	68	63	25	8	na	971
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	94	60	70	29	17	7	5	na	282
2 placement	59	38	78	35	14	2	6	na	232
3 placement	44	34	57	17	14	6	-	na	172
4-5 placement	46	48	78	27	9	3	1	na	212
6-10 placements	25	36	46	20	15	8	1	na	151
11 or more placements	3	10	3	5	7	1	-	na	29
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	271	226	332	133	76	27	13	na	1 078

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Table 15A.24 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
5 years or more in out-of-home care									
1 placement	117	17	22	10	3	–	4	na	173
2 placement	79	7	36	15	7	1	2	na	147
3 placement	57	16	18	10	8	2	2	na	113
4–5 placement	71	19	35	19	8	3	3	na	158
6–10 placements	59	17	56	27	14	3	2	na	178
11 or more placements	16	12	11	10	16	8	–	na	73
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–
Total children	399	88	178	91	56	17	13	na	842
All children									
1 placement	735	415	624	131	65	54	65	na	2 089
2 placements	377	240	407	95	60	34	25	na	1 238
3 placements	193	173	205	52	42	17	7	na	689
4–5 placements	168	146	193	61	42	18	7	na	635
6–10 placements	93	73	115	52	37	15	6	na	391
11 or more placements	19	25	14	15	23	10	–	na	106
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–
Total children	1 585	1 072	1 558	406	269	148	110	na	5 148
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	576	416	619	93	49	68	68	na	1 889
3 or more placements	61	152	90	21	25	11	8	na	368
Total children	637	568	709	114	74	79	76	na	2 257
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	90.4	73.2	87.3	81.6	66.2	86.1	89.5	na	83.7
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	536	239	412	133	76	20	22	na	1 438
3 or more placements	412	265	437	159	119	49	12	na	1 453
Total children	948	504	849	292	195	69	34	na	2 891
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	56.5	47.4	48.5	45.5	39.0	29.0	64.7	na	49.7

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Table 15A.24 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	596	374	609	77	58	79	31	na	1 824
3 or more placements	44	99	71	23	20	35	17	na	309
Total children	640	473	680	100	78	114	48	na	2 133
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	93.1	79.1	89.6	77.0	74.4	69.3	64.6	na	85.5
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	390	224	301	120	60	38	33	na	1 166
3 or more placements	353	246	358	125	81	71	31	na	1 265
Total children	743	470	659	245	141	109	64	na	2 431
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	52.5	47.7	46	49.0	42.6	34.9	51.6	na	48.0
2006-07									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	592	504	na	55	52	85	35	na	1 323
3 or more placements	47	120	na	18	20	40	9	na	254
Total children	639	624	na	73	72	125	44	na	1 577
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	92.6	80.8	na	75.3	72.2	68.0	79.5	na	83.9
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	342	301	na	71	52	10	34	na	810
3 or more placements	247	330	na	102	83	53	28	na	843
Total children	589	631	na	173	135	63	62	na	1 653
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	58.1	47.7	na	41.0	38.5	15.9	54.8	na	49.0

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Table 15A.24 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005-06									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	540	487	482	19	33	76	60	21	1 718
3 or more placements	48	76	79	4	16	37	15	25	300
Total children	588	563	561	23	49	113	75	46	2 018
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	91.8	86.5	85.9	82.6	67.3	67.3	80.0	45.7	85.1
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	364	300	319	68	70	23	36	7	1 187
3 or more placements	270	230	349	100	74	48	17	7	1 095
Total children	634	530	668	168	144	71	53	14	2 282
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	57.4	56.6	47.8	40.5	48.6	32.4	67.9	50.0	52.0
2004-05									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	560	585	526	21	29	na	89	24	1 834
3 or more placements	37	85	52	6	10	na	2	4	196
Total children	597	670	578	27	39	na	91	28	2 030
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	94	87	91.0	77.8	74.4	na	97.8	85.7	90.3
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	418	318	279	85	48	na	30	17	1 195
3 or more placements	294	245	212	92	76	na	13	12	944
Total children	712	563	491	177	124	na	43	29	2 139
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	59	56.5	56.8	48.0	38.7	na	69.8	58.6	55.9

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

(b) Data for 2006-07 were not available due to the introduction of a new information system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.48, 15A.65, 15A.82, 15A.99, 15A.116, 15A.133, 15A.150 and 15A.167.

Table 15A.25

Table 15A.25 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, 2008-09 (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld(b)</i>	<i>WA(c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household										
Number of children	no.	na	na	230	4	4	16	1	na	255
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year										
Number of children	no.	17 998	7 826	9 527	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747	43 976
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care										
Proportion	%	na	na	2.4	0.1	0.2	1.6	0.1	na	0.6

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

(b) Queensland's data comprise matter of concern substantiations, which refer to children in the custody or guardianship of the Chief Executive only. Queensland's consideration of the 'person believed responsible' relates to the overall safety and risk experienced by a child in care. It includes not only allegations of actual harm inflicted by members of a household but also whether their action or inaction contributed to the risk or harm even if the person believed responsible did not reside in the household. Therefore, Queensland's data are broader than the scope of the national counting rule and should not be compared to other jurisdictions' data.

(c) Data includes children who have been harmed by foster carers and workers in placement services. Children harmed by relatives of foster carers or other children in care are not included.

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.49, 15A.66, 15A.83, 15A.100, 15A.117, 15A.134, 15A.151 and 15A.168.

Table 15A.26 Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2008-09 dollars) (a)

	Unit	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (d)	ACT	NT	Aust (e)
Real recurrent expenditure on intensive family support services										
2004-05	\$'000	7 463	16 575	40 819	3 438	1 776	1 038	614	na	71 723
2005-06	\$'000	7 569	20 310	45 550	3 426	1 752	1 183	680	na	80 470
2006-07	\$'000	21 049	24 560	56 374	3 435	1 851	191	1 132	457	109 050
2007-08	\$'000	20 972	43 424	63 931	3 723	1 826	222	1 503	475	136 075
2008-09	\$'000	138 338	44 310	59 864	3 887	3 588	2 271	1 477	717	254 452
Number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services										
2004-05	no.	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na	2 651
2005-06	no.	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57	3 182
2006-07	no.	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61	4 336
2007-08	no.	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104	7 170
2008-09	no.	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73	15 544
Real recurrent expenditure per child commencing intensive family support services										
2004-05	\$'000	49.4	11.0	140.8	7.7	20.0	23.1	4.8	na	27.1
2005-06	\$'000	33.1	10.1	158.2	7.6	17.7	22.7	na	na	25.3
2006-07	\$'000	79.4	14.1	45.5	6.9	30.8	3.6	2.7	7.5	25.1
2007-08	\$'000	73.6	10.8	34.7	10.0	38.0	3.5	3.4	4.6	19.0
2008-09	\$'000	21.9	8.7	27.2	7.9	22.6	3.0	3.1	9.8	16.4

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) In 2008-09, NSW IFSS expenditure included expenditure relating to the NSW targeted early intervention program, Brighter Futures. This revised methodology for calculating the expenditure for IFSS better reflects funding for programs relating to preventing family dysfunction, improving family functioning, and supporting re-unification.
- (c) Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included.
- (d) The count of 'children commencing Intensive Family Support Services' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year. In 2008-09, a new IFSS program was extended to the entire state of Tasmania and a centrally managed information system was established.
- (e) The Australian figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The Australian figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions able to provide data divided by the number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services. In previous Reports, data were divided by the sum of the residential population for the target group.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW, *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished); Table 15A.1.

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (d)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support service by Indigenous status								
2004-05								
Indigenous	55	148	20	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	79	258	66	30	116	na
All children	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Indigenous	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
All children (e)	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
Indigenous	165	210	888	175	21	3	82	29
Non-Indigenous	100	1 531	352	323	39	50	336	32
All children	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2007-08								
Indigenous	178	152	806	104	26	4	91	75
Non-Indigenous	107	3 864	1 038	267	22	59	348	29
All children	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2008-09								
Indigenous	1 623	338	715	208	na	53	122	57
Non-Indigenous	4 688	4 729	1 484	281	na	715	357	16
All children (e)	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
2004-05								
Male	84	552	57	249	35	29	17	na
Female	67	433	42	197	54	16	15	na
Unknown	–	517	–	–	–	–	96	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Male	122	444	150	230	54	25	na	32
Female	107	387	138	217	45	27	na	25
Unknown	–	1 177	–	2	–	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
Male	131	704	535	245	36	23	227	32
Female	134	610	620	246	24	30	191	29
Unknown	–	427	85	7	–	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)

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

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) In 2008-09, the total number of children commencing an IFSS service includes the number of children entering the Brighter Futures, early intervention program.
- (c) Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included.
- (d) The count of 'children commencing IFSS' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year. In 2008-09, a new IFSS program was extended to the entire state of Tasmania and a centrally managed information system was established.
- (e) Includes children for whom Indigenous status is recorded as unknown.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by age (a)**

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (e)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2004-05								
0–4	46	762	42	177	40	15	5	na
5–9	58	198	33	162	29	18	3	na
10–14	37	159	23	94	17	10	21	na
15–17	10	23	1	9	3	2	10	na
Unknown	–	360	–	4	–	–	89	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
0–4	92	987	114	209	51	14	na	23
5–9	66	252	80	133	31	17	na	16
10–14	59	202	60	91	15	20	na	13
15–17	12	31	14	12	2	1	na	5
Unknown	–	536	20	4	–	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
0–4	106	408	328	235	22	15	150	23
5–9	58	333	442	144	19	28	151	19
10–14	73	464	278	78	16	8	86	15
15–17	28	117	106	38	3	2	31	4
Unknown	–	419	86	3	–	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2007-08								
0–4	100	783	721	174	25	11	154	32
5–9	83	294	517	115	10	33	161	35
10–14	78	367	363	51	10	17	86	24
15–17	24	106	114	20	3	2	38	13
Unknown	–	2 466	129	11	–	–	–	–
Total	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2008-09								
0–4	3 953	1 602	826	219	na	286	207	22
5–9	1 545	1 240	719	139	na	223	113	18
10–14	592	1 284	461	87	na	195	104	22
15–17	140	424	116	29	na	47	32	3
Unknown	81	517	77	15	na	17	23	8
Total	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73

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

(b) In 2008-09, the total number of children commencing an IFSS service includes the number of children entering the Brighter Futures, early intervention program.

Table 15A.28 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by age (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (e)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
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(c) Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included.

(d) For WA, age is broken down by 0–4 years, 5–8 years, 9–12 years and 12 years and over. WA data for 9–12 years and 12 years and over are included in 'unknown'.

(e) The count of 'children commencing IFSS' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year. In 2008-09, a new IFSS program was extended to the entire state of Tasmania and a centrally managed information system was established.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW, *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (d)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2004-05								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	125	1 160	58	342	na	28	103	na
Other relatives/kin	17	44	–	17	na	–	11	na
Child in out-of-home care	9	291	39	84	na	12	–	na
Child in shared care	–	–	2	1	na	5	9	na
Other	–	5	–	2	na	–	4	na
Not available	–	8	–	–	na	–	1	na
Total	151	1 508	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	186	1 430	207	329	–	30	na	49
Other relatives/kin	5	–	28	26	–	10	na	1
Child in out-of-home care	4	527	46	82	89	6	na	5
Child in shared care	34	2	–	4	–	6	na	–
Other	–	41	–	8	–	–	na	2
Not available	–	8	7	–	10	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	239	1 103	556	415	–	43	403	59
Other relatives/kin	21	1	93	10	–	–	4	–
Child in out-of-home care	4	336	557	46	60	4	11	2
Child in shared care	–	4	14	1	–	6	–	–
Other	1	129	6	13	–	–	–	–
Not available	–	168	14	13	–	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2007-08								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	236	873	1 042	231	–	51	414	87
Other relatives/kin	16	–	173	53	–	–	10	6
Child in out-of-home care	24	442	581	79	48	3	15	11
Child in shared care	–	–	37	3	–	7	–	–
Other	9	16	10	5	–	2	–	–
Not available	–	2 685	1	–	–	–	–	–
Total	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104

Table 15A.29 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (d)	ACT	NT
2008-09								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	6 264	294	1 186	261	3	–	416	53
Other relatives/kin	25	–	89	34	–	–	12	4
Child in out-of-home care	8	395	721	144	156	–	51	11
Child in shared care	6	–	15	3	–	–	–	1
Other	3	9	14	30	–	–	–	–
Not available	5	4 369	174	17	–	768	–	4
Total	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) In 2008-09, the total number of children commencing an IFSS service includes the number of children entering the Brighter Futures, early intervention program.
- (c) Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included.
- (d) The count of 'children commencing IFSS' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year. In 2008-09, a new IFSS program was extended to the entire state of Tasmania and a centrally managed information system was established. In addition, from 2008-09, the living situation of children commencing IFSS is not recorded in the new IFSS data system and hence is not able to be reported.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW, *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.30

Table 15A.30 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

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

Table 15A.30

Table 15A.30 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

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

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

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections.

Table 15A.31

Table 15A.31 Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)

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

Table 15A.31

Table 15A.31 **Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)**

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.32

Table 15A.32 **Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night, 2008-09 (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (c)</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services (\$'000)	552 449	245 962	308 980	154 882	99 970	25 758	20 228	34 813
Placement nights in out-of-home care (no.)	5 276 201	2 129 886	2 498 867	957 936	713 419	269 361	170 087	162 012
Out-of-home care program expenditure per placement night (\$)	104.7	115.5	123.6	161.7	140.1	95.6	118.9	214.9

(a) These data should not be interpreted as unit costs for Activity Group 8 (Provision of out-of-home care services) as they are derived using reported program expenditure and not activity group expenditure.

(b) Caution should be used when interpreting results due to the variety of activities that are included in out-of-home care services.

(c) Children in facility based care placements contribute to a significant proportion of out-of-home care services expenditure, and may inflate the average unit cost.

(d) In 2008-09 in the ACT, there were 29 instances of a child entering and exiting an out-of-home care placement on the same day (these 29 instances involved 23 children). Departmental resources used to facilitate these placements are not captured in the figure provided for number of placement nights.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished).

Single jurisdiction data — NSW

Table 15A.33

Table 15A.33 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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

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Table 15A.33 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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

Table 15A.33

Table 15A.33 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	11.6	19.5	19.5	17.5	15.9
Carer/family issues	%	na	..	..	–	..
Not substantiated	%	19.1	25.9	29.3	37.2	39.5
Total finalised	%	30.7	45.4	48.8	54.7	55.5
Investigations in process (e)	%	13.2	4.3	1.7	2.0	2.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	9.6	13.6	12.8
Total investigations	%	43.8	49.7	60.2	70.3	70.8
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	39.8	29.7	29.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	56.2	50.3	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.34

Table 15A.34 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, New South Wales (number)

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

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.35

Table 15A.35 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, New South Wales (number) (a)

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

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

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

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

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

Table 15A.36

Table 15A.36 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)

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

Table 15A.36 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.					
(b) Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated. na Not available.					

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

Table 15A.37

Table 15A.37 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	na	751	1 128	1 466	1 606
Proportion of children (c)	%	na	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	na	2 309	3 303	4 085	4 783
Proportion of children (c)	%	na	11.6	11.7	11.1	10.2

(a) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

(b) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for the period 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.38 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	na	692	1 340	1 316	1 236
Proportion of children (c)	%	na	7.5	10.6	10.0	9.8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	na	1 825	3 041	2 866	2 742
Proportion of children (c)	%	na	19.8	24.0	21.8	21.6

(a) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

(b) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for the period 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.39 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, New South Wales (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	na	7.5	10.6	10.0	9.8
Proportion within 12 months	%	na	19.8	24.0	21.8	21.6
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	na	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.4
Proportion within 12 months	%	na	11.6	11.7	11.1	10.2

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	37.8	43.0	40.0	31.9	28.8

(a) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

(b) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for the period 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

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

- (a) Data prior to 2004 on children in out-of-home care include the following categories of children even if they do not meet the definition of 'out-of-home care': wards, children under a guardianship order, protected persons (including overseas adoptees) and pre-adoption placements.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, New South Wales (number)

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.42

Table 15A.42 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, New South Wales (number) (a)

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

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

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.43

Table 15A.43 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (number) (a)

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

Table 15A.43 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (number) (a)

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

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.44

Table 15A.44 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, New South Wales (number) (a)**

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.45 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

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

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where the placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.46

Table 15A.46 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales**

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.47

Table 15A.47 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	1 794	2 042	2 563	2 948	3 424
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 515	4 723	5 373	6 058	6 749
All children	no.	6 309	6 765	7 936	9 006	10 173
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.0	99.5	99.9	99.9	99.8
Non-Indigenous	%	99.4	99.6	99.6	99.7	99.7
All children	%	99.2	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.8

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

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

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

Table 15A.48

Table 15A.48 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	336	306	344	301	306
2 placements	56	78	90	115	104
3 placements	12	13	13	10	25
4-5 placements	2	4	9	4	6
6-10 placements	-	-	1	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	406	401	457	430	441
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	124	103	110	116	110
2 placement	44	53	48	64	56
3 placement	18	24	20	22	26
4-5 placement	5	7	4	6	4
6-10 placements	-	-	-	2	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	191	187	182	210	196
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	84	82	85	100	108
2 placement	58	44	36	73	79
3 placement	31	27	20	33	41
4-5 placement	17	13	12	37	41
6-10 placements	5	4	7	8	9
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	195	170	160	251	278
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	93	63	68	55	94
2 placement	68	45	60	43	59
3 placement	51	30	34	33	44
4-5 placement	42	37	24	37	46
6-10 placements	26	15	14	18	25
11 or more placements	1	1	1	1	3
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	281	191	201	187	271

Table 15A.48

Table 15A.48 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	51	71	44	60	117
2 placement	64	59	49	59	79
3 placement	34	34	43	51	57
4-5 placement	48	55	38	64	71
6-10 placements	33	45	39	59	59
11 or more placements	6	9	15	12	16
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	236	273	228	305	399
All children					
1 placement	688	625	651	632	735
2 placements	290	279	283	354	377
3 placements	146	128	130	149	193
4-5 placements	114	116	87	148	168
6-10 placements	64	64	61	87	93
11 or more placements	7	10	16	13	19
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	1 309	1 222	1 228	1 383	1 585
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	560	540	592	596	576
3 or more placements	37	48	47	44	61
Total children	597	588	639	640	637
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	418	364	342	390	536
3 or more placements	294	270	247	353	412
Total children	712	634	589	743	948

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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

Table 15A.49

Table 15A.49 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, New South Wales (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Number of children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	11 664	12 203	14 066	16 008	17 998
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	na	na	na	na	na

(a) NSW could not provide data for this indicator.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	816	859	730	706	720
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	396	338	365	335	389
Total finalised	no.	1 212	1 197	1 095	1 041	1 109
Investigations in process (f)	no.	39	20	82	154	150
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	no.	1 251	1 217	1 177	1 195	1 259
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	1 709	1 723	1 861
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 246	1 484	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	2 497	2 701	2 886	2 918	3 120
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	32.7	31.8	25.3	24.2	23.1
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	15.9	12.5	12.6	11.5	12.5
Total finalised	%	48.5	44.3	37.9	35.7	35.5
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.6	0.7	2.8	5.3	4.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	%	50.1	45.0	40.8	41.0	40.4
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	59.2	59.0	59.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	49.9	55.0	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (i)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	6 582	6 704	6 098	5 659	5 624
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 692	3 429	3 344	3 380	3 567
Total finalised	no.	10 274	10 133	9 442	9 039	9 191
Investigations in process (f)	no.	363	544	684	933	767

Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	no.	10 637	10 678	10 126	9 972	9 958
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	25 663	28 717	29 773
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	24 389	24 608	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	35 026	35 286	35 789	38 689	39 731
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.8	19.0	17.0	14.6	14.2
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	10.5	9.7	9.3	8.7	9.0
Total finalised	%	29.3	28.7	26.4	23.4	23.1
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.4	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	%	30.4	30.3	28.3	25.8	25.1
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	71.7	74.2	74.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	69.6	69.7	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 398	7 563	6 828	6 365	6 344
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 088	3 767	3 709	3 715	3 956
Total finalised	no.	11 486	11 330	10 537	10 080	10 300
Investigations in process (f)	no.	402	564	763	1 087	917
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	—	..	—
Total investigations	no.	11 888	11 894	11 300	11 167	11 217
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	27 375	30 440	31 634
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	25 635	26 093	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—
Total notifications	no.	37 523	37 987	38 675	41 607	42 851

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Table 15A.50 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.7	19.9	17.7	15.3	14.8
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	10.9	9.9	9.6	8.9	9.2
Total finalised	%	30.6	29.8	27.2	24.2	24.0
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.6	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	—	..	—
Total investigations	%	31.7	31.3	29.2	26.8	26.2
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	70.8	73.2	73.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	68.3	68.7	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Table 15A.50 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
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.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.51

Table 15A.51 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

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

- (a) Admissions to orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Data for 2006-07 are based on an extract from the new child protection system which only contains information relating to open cases and/or cases commenced after 1 July 2000. As the earliest history that can be traced back for a client is to 1 July 2000, if a child had been admitted to an order prior to 1 July 2000 they may be counted as admitted for the first time in 2006-07.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.53

Table 15A.53 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)

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

Table 15A.53 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a)	Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.				
(b)	Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).				
(c)	During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.				
(d)	Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.				

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

Table 15A.54 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	175	123	149	110	90
Proportion of children (c)	%	3.9	3.1	4.0	3.0	2.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	712	628	568	448	436
Proportion of children (c)	%	15.9	15.6	15.4	12.1	10.7

- (a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for the period 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.55 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	104	79	80	119	150
Proportion of children (c)	%	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.8	2.2
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	876	904	778	713	645
Proportion of children (c)	%	12.3	12.4	10.5	10.7	9.5

- (a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for the period 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.56 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Victoria (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.8	2.2
Proportion within 12 months	%	12.3	12.4	10.5	10.7	9.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	3.9	3.1	4.0	3.0	2.2
Proportion within 12 months	%	15.9	15.6	15.4	12.1	10.7

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	64.4	66.8	64.8	63.1	61.6

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

(b) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for the period 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.57

Table 15A.57 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

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

- (a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

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

Table 15A.58

Table 15A.58 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

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

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

Table 15A.58 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (e)	2009
(b) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.					
(c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.					
(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					
(e) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.					
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero					

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

Table 15A.59

Table 15A.59 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Victoria (number) (a), (b)

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.60

Table 15A.60 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b)

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

Table 15A.60 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b)

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.61

Table 15A.61 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Victoria (number) (a)**

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

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.62

Table 15A.62 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

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

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.63

Table 15A.63 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

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

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Table 15A.63

Table 15A.63 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

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

Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	343	335	403	416	467
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 196	2 454	2 571	2 479	2 575
All children	no.	2 539	2 789	2 974	2 895	3 042
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	96.9	94.6	97.1	97.4	96.5
Non-Indigenous	%	97.5	98.0	97.7	96.4	97.5
All children	%	97.4	97.6	97.6	96.6	97.4

- (a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	278	235	236	178	189
2 placements	108	89	84	77	95
3 placements	32	19	43	41	61
4-5 placements	6	9	17	16	21
6-10 placements	1	-	-	3	2
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	425	352	380	315	368
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	113	108	117	71	80
2 placement	86	55	67	48	52
3 placement	24	30	36	12	35
4-5 placement	19	15	19	22	24
6-10 placements	3	3	5	5	8
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	245	211	244	158	200
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	110	96	96	73	69
2 placement	57	56	54	48	48
3 placement	28	26	62	19	27
4-5 placement	37	30	42	33	34
6-10 placements	14	17	14	16	10
11 or more placements	-	1	-	-	2
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	246	226	268	189	190
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	66	62	47	47	60
2 placement	44	28	54	33	38
3 placement	43	27	40	22	34
4-5 placement	46	48	53	34	48
6-10 placements	25	33	48	32	36
11 or more placements	5	4	13	10	10
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	229	202	255	178	226

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	30	40	33	12	17
2 placement	11	18	17	11	7
3 placement	10	6	18	14	16
4-5 placement	13	11	14	25	19
6-10 placements	16	19	18	24	17
11 or more placements	8	8	8	17	12
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	88	102	108	103	88
All children					
1 placement	597	541	529	381	415
2 placements	306	246	276	217	240
3 placements	137	108	199	108	173
4-5 placements	121	113	145	130	146
6-10 placements	59	72	85	80	73
11 or more placements	13	13	21	27	25
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	1 233	1 093	1 255	943	1 072
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	585	487	504	374	416
3 or more placements	85	76	120	99	152
Total children	670	563	624	473	568
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	318	300	301	224	239
3 or more placements	245	230	330	246	265
Total children	563	530	631	470	504

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

- Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.66 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Victoria (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	7 477	7 795	7 785	7 898	7 826
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Victoria could not provide data for this indicator.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.67

Table 15A.67 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

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

Table 15A.67

Table 15A.67 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

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

Table 15A.67

Table 15A.67 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

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

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) From 2006-07 notification figures for Queensland are affected by a change in recording practice. With the introduction of the Integrated Client Management System in March 2007, any new child protection concerns received by the department that relate to an open notification or investigation and assessment are recorded as an additional concern and linked to the open notification/investigation and assessment. Previously, any new child protection concerns received by the department were recorded as an additional notification.
- (d) This figure excludes those finalised investigations with an assessment outcome of 'No investigation and Assessment Outcome'. This is instead reported in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2006-07. It includes notifications where there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice.
- (g) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.68

Table 15A.68 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

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

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

(b) Data for 2006-07 was not available due to the transition to a new information management system.

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.69

Table 15A.69 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland (number)**

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

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

(b) Data on Administrative arrangements is not available for Queensland.

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

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.70

Table 15A.70 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

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

Table 15A.70 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.					
(b) Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					
(d) This figure excludes those children with a finalised investigation and assessment outcome of 'No investigation and assessment outcome'. In these cases there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. These finalised investigations have been included in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2007.					

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

Table 15A.71

Table 15A.71 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	263	233	202	408	507
Proportion of children (b)	%	4.9	4.2	3.1	3.0	3.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	811	618	599	1 126	1 338
Proportion of children (b)	%	15.1	11.2	9.2	8.3	9.0

(a) The time series for this indicator has been updated to reflect the current counting rule. Therefore, data in this report may differ from previous reports.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.72

Table 15A.72 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	1 450	1 181	773	681	689
Proportion of children (b)	%	11.9	9.2	8.1	6.2	6.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	3 235	2 656	1 726	1 691	1 653
Proportion of children (b)	%	26.5	20.6	18.1	15.3	15.7

(a) The time series for this indicator has been updated to reflect the current counting rule. Therefore, data in this report may differ from previous reports.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.73

Table 15A.73 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Queensland

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	11.9	9.2	8.1	6.2	6.6
Proportion within 12 months	%	26.5	20.6	18.1	15.3	15.7
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	4.9	4.2	3.1	3.0	3.4
Proportion within 12 months	%	15.1	11.2	9.2	8.3	9.0
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	74.0	61.2	48.5	44.5	39.6

(a) The time series for this indicator has been updated to reflect the current counting rule. Therefore, data in this report may differ from previous reports.

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

Table 15A.74

Table 15A.74 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)**

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

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

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

Table 15A.75

Table 15A.75 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (number)

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Queensland (number) (a)**

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.77

Table 15A.77 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)

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

Table 15A.77 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
(a) Prior to 2008, QLD was not able to report on the length of time in continuous out-of-home care placement, instead reporting on the length of time in the current out-of-home care placement. From 2008 data refer to the length of time in continuous out-of-home care and is therefore not comparable with previous years.					
(b) Data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the transition to a new information management system.					

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.78 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Queensland (number) (a)**

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.79

Table 15A.79 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.80

Table 15A.80 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Queensland (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	343	379	401	399	590
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	115	142	167	164	265
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	458	521	568	563	855
Other Indigenous carer	no.	366	400	449	610	566
Indigenous residential care	no.	2	9	6	9	24
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	368	409	455	619	590
Total children	no.	826	930	1 023	1 182	1 445
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	444	538	674	829	925
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	5	28	52	74	111
Total children	no.	449	566	726	903	1 036
Independent living/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	1 275	1 496	1 749	2 085	2 481
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	26.9	25.3	22.9	19.1	23.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.0	9.5	9.5	7.9	10.7
Total placed with relative/kin	%	35.9	34.8	32.5	27.0	34.5
Other Indigenous carer	%	28.7	26.7	25.7	29.3	22.8
Indigenous residential care	%	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.0
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	28.9	27.3	26.0	29.7	23.8
Total children	%	64.8	62.2	58.5	56.7	58.2
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	34.8	36.0	38.5	39.8	37.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	0.4	1.9	3.0	3.5	4.5
Total children	%	35.2	37.8	41.5	43.3	41.8
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.81

Table 15A.81 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	923	1 105	1 326	1 568	1 862
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 072	2 979	2 768	3 030	3 048
All children	no.	3 995	4 084	4 094	4 598	4 910
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.9	99.5	99.2	98.7	97.9
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	98.6	97.5	98.4	98.5
All children	%	99.7	98.9	98.0	98.5	98.3

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

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

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

Table 15A.82

Table 15A.82 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	289	265	na	363	344
2 placements	88	75	na	92	93
3 placements	15	21	na	20	26
4-5 placements	1	5	na	4	2
6-10 placements	-	-	na	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	na	-	-
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	393	366	na	479	465
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	105	80	na	80	100
2 placement	44	62	na	74	82
3 placement	19	33	na	32	44
4-5 placement	17	19	na	12	16
6-10 placements	-	1	na	3	2
11 or more placements	-	-	na	-	-
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	185	195	na	201	244
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	68	83	na	67	88
2 placement	55	78	na	73	118
3 placement	40	68	na	51	60
4-5 placement	27	40	na	31	62
6-10 placements	5	5	na	10	11
11 or more placements	-	-	na	-	-
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	195	274	na	232	339
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	57	43	na	45	70
2 placement	31	61	na	59	78
3 placement	33	30	na	54	57
4-5 placement	31	68	na	49	78
6-10 placements	18	35	na	38	46
11 or more placements	-	1	na	1	3
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	170	238	na	246	332

Table 15A.82

Table 15A.82 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	35	27	na	24	22
2 placement	33	27	na	33	36
3 placement	19	26	na	28	18
4-5 placement	23	35	na	38	35
6-10 placements	15	36	na	52	56
11 or more placements	1	5	na	6	11
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	126	156	na	181	178
All children					
1 placement	554	498	na	579	624
2 placements	251	303	na	331	407
3 placements	126	178	na	185	205
4-5 placements	99	167	na	134	193
6-10 placements	38	77	na	103	115
11 or more placements	1	6	na	7	14
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	1 069	1 229	na	1 339	1 558
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	526	482	..	609	619
3 or more placements	52	79	..	71	90
Total children	578	561	na	680	709
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	279	319	..	301	412
3 or more placements	212	349	..	358	437
Total children	491	668	na	659	849

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

(c) Data for 2006-07 was not available due to the transition to a new information management system.

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

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

Table 15A.83 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	509	281	na	179	230
Number of children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	6 732	7 207	8 080	8 989	9 527
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	7.6	3.9	na	2.0	2.4

(a) Data for 2006-07 were not available due to the transition to a new information management system.

(b) From 2007-08, Queensland is reporting on Matters of Concern substantiations. Matters of Concern substantiations refer to those children in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and placed in accordance with Section 82(1) of the Child Protection Act 1999. Therefore, data from 2007-08 onwards are not comparable with previous years.

(c) Queensland's data comprise matter of concern substantiations, which refer to children in the custody or guardianship of the Chief Executive only. Queensland's consideration of the 'person believed responsible' relates to the overall safety and risk experienced by a child in care. It includes not only allegations of actual harm inflicted by members of a household but also whether their action or inaction contributed to the risk or harm even if the person believed responsible did not reside in the household. Therefore, Queensland's data are broader than the scope of the national counting rule and should not be compared to other jurisdictions' data.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.84

Table 15A.84 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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

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Table 15A.84 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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

Table 15A.84

Table 15A.84 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	34.4	29.0	16.0	16.3	15.0
Carer/family issues	%	–	..
Not substantiated	%	40.1	41.9	22.1	22.6	21.6
Total finalised	%	74.6	70.9	38.1	38.9	36.6
Investigations in process (e)	%	24.0	25.3	10.6	7.9	2.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	1.9	2.0	1.5
Total investigations	%	98.6	96.2	50.7	48.8	41.0
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	49.3	51.2	59.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	1.4	3.8	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the child where practicable. For WA however, investigations may include some situations where the child was not sighted.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (d) The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action' and from 2008-09 cases where there was no suitable caregiver. Cases where there was no suitable caregiver are not counted as investigations.
- (h) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.85

Table 15A.85 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a)**

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.86

Table 15A.86 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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

(a) Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.

(b) Data include for the first time children in care applications adjourned at 30 June where no subsequent court appearance had occurred by the end of August. Data from 2001-02 and 2002-03 do not include these children.

(c) Implementation of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders, for 2006 onwards.

(d) In 2006-07, the number of children on orders included 24 children who were placed on Enduring Parental Responsibility orders.

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

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.87

Table 15A.87 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

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

Table 15A.87 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a)	Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.				
(b)	Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).				
(c)	Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.				
(d)	The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.				
(e)	Implementation of the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i> in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders.				

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

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	14	20	34	20	58
Proportion of children (b)	%	1.2	1.5	2.0	1.0	2.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	57	79	89	99	153
Proportion of children (b)	%	4.9	6.0	5.1	5.2	6.2

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.89 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	19	24	22	40	51
Proportion of children (b)	%	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.8	2.7
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	69	87	79	113	158
Proportion of children (b)	%	6.4	7.3	6.2	7.9	8.4

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.90

Table 15A.90 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Western Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.8	2.7
Proportion within 12 months	%	6.4	7.3	6.2	7.9	8.4
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	1.2	1.5	2.0	1.0	2.3
Proportion within 12 months	%	4.9	6.0	5.1	5.2	6.2

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	46.2	40.9	42.1	41.9	41.0

(a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.91 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

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

- (a) Data may include a small number of children placed with relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (f) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.92

Table 15A.92 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

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

- (a) Western Australia reported children in Family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005.
- (b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Table 15A.92 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (c)	2009
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.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.93

Table 15A.93 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Western Australia (number) (a)

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.94

Table 15A.94 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

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

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

Table 15A.94 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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(b) WA is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result, both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.95

Table 15A.95 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

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

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

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.96

Table 15A.96 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

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

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.97

Table 15A.97 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	345	394	512	566	607
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	55	64	82	94	96
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	400	458	594	660	703
Other Indigenous carer	no.	143	143	156	155	169
Indigenous residential care	no.	25	18	21	25	26
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	168	161	177	180	195
Total children	no.	568	619	771	840	898
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	77	92	133	170	221
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	38	45	62	60	73
Total children	no.	115	137	195	230	294
Independent living/unknown	no.	9	10	12	8	5
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	692	766	978	1 078	1 197
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	50.5	52.1	53.0	52.9	50.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.8	8.1
Total placed with relative/kin	%	58.6	60.6	61.5	61.7	59.0
Other Indigenous carer	%	20.9	18.9	16.1	14.5	14.2
Indigenous residential care	%	3.7	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	24.6	21.3	18.3	16.8	16.4
Total children	%	83.2	81.9	79.8	78.5	75.3
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	11.3	12.2	13.8	15.9	18.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.6	6.0	6.4	5.6	6.1
Total children	%	16.8	18.1	20.2	21.5	24.7
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category.

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

Table 15A.98 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	480	541	709	805	907
Non-Indigenous	no.	700	773	900	973	994
All children	no.	1 180	1 314	1 609	1 778	1 901
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	91.8	92.8	92.4	92.5	91.4
Non-Indigenous	%	93.0	94.8	94.9	94.9	97.0
All children	%	92.5	94.0	93.8	93.8	94.2

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

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

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

Table 15A.99

Table 15A.99 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	4	4	24	22	38
2 placements	5	2	8	24	15
3 placements	1	–	3	5	5
4–5 placements	–	1	1	3	4
6–10 placements	–	–	1	–	–
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	10	7	37	54	62
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	6	4	14	20	25
2 placement	6	9	9	11	15
3 placement	1	1	11	10	7
4–5 placement	4	2	2	5	2
6–10 placements	–	–	–	–	3
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	17	16	36	46	52
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	5	8	4	3	29
2 placement	11	9	8	10	15
3 placement	3	6	5	9	13
4–5 placement	2	2	2	2	9
6–10 placements	–	5	1	–	2
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	21	30	20	24	68
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	14	8	11	15	29
2 placement	31	22	17	40	35
3 placement	8	4	12	23	17
4–5 placement	17	8	11	11	27
6–10 placements	6	13	6	10	20
11 or more placements	–	–	2	–	5
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	76	55	59	99	133

Table 15A.99

Table 15A.99 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	13	11	8	25	10
2 placement	11	10	23	27	15
3 placement	7	11	18	7	10
4-5 placement	18	16	12	21	19
6-10 placements	18	24	17	33	27
11 or more placements	13	11	16	9	10
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	80	83	94	122	91
All children					
1 placement	42	35	61	85	131
2 placements	64	52	65	112	95
3 placements	20	22	49	54	52
4-5 placements	41	29	28	42	61
6-10 placements	24	42	25	43	52
11 or more placements	13	11	18	9	15
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	204	191	246	345	406
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	21	19	55	77	93
3 or more placements	6	4	18	23	21
Total children	27	23	73	100	114
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	85	68	71	120	133
3 or more placements	92	100	102	125	159
Total children	177	168	173	245	292

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

- Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.100 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Western Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	12	9	13	6	4
Number of children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	2 489	2 544	2 991	3 262	3 456
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1

(a) Data includes children who have been harmed by foster carers and workers in placement services. Children harmed by relatives of foster carers or other children in care are not included.

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

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Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	736	464	625	737	816
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	977	675	965	807	956
Total finalised	no.	1 713	1 139	1 590	1 544	1 772
Investigations in process (d)	no.	3	19	13	2	11
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	1 716	1 158	1 603	1 546	1 783
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	2 457	2 631	3 212
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 864	1 838	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	3 580	2 996	4 060	4 177	4 995
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	20.6	15.5	15.4	17.6	16.3
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	27.3	22.5	23.8	19.3	19.1
Total finalised	%	47.8	38.0	39.2	37.0	35.5
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	47.9	38.7	39.5	37.0	35.7
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	60.5	63.0	64.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	52.1	61.3	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children (g)						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 648	1 391	1 617	1 594	1 603
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	2 889	2 249	2 524	2 299	2 511
Total finalised	no.	4 537	3 640	4 141	3 893	4 114
Investigations in process (d)	no.	26	44	62	14	23

Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	4 563	3 684	4 203	3 907	4 137
Dealt with by other means (f)		..	..	10 171	12 763	14 089
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	9 330	8 389	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	13 893	12 073	14 374	16 670	18 226
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	11.9	11.5	11.2	9.6	8.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	20.8	18.6	17.6	13.8	13.8
Total finalised	%	32.7	30.1	28.8	23.4	22.6
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	32.8	30.5	29.2	23.4	22.7
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	70.8	76.6	77.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	67.2	69.5	..	..	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	2 384	1 855	2 242	2 331	2 419
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	—	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 866	2 924	3 489	3 106	3 467
Total finalised	no.	6 250	4 779	5 731	5 437	5 886
Investigations in process (d)	no.	29	63	75	16	34
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	6 279	4 842	5 806	5 453	5 920
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	12 628	15 394	17 301
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	11 194	10 227	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	17 473	15 069	18 434	20 847	23 221

Table 15A.101 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	13.6	12.3	12.2	11.2	10.4
Carer/family issues	%	–	..
Not substantiated	%	22.1	19.4	18.9	14.9	14.9
Total finalised	%	35.8	31.7	31.1	26.1	25.3
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	–
Total investigations	%	35.9	32.1	31.5	26.2	25.5
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	68.5	73.8	74.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	64.1	67.9	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.102

Table 15A.102 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, South Australia (number)**

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

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

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

Table 15A.103 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia (number) (a)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.104

Table 15A.104 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

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

Table 15A.104 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a)	Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.				
(b)	Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).				
(c)	SA includes in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.				
(d)	2006-07 figures for all children subject to substantiations only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07.				
(e)	Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.				
Source:	AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia</i> data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia</i> data collection.				

Table 15A.105 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07 (b)</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	240	123	116	131	126
Proportion of children (c)	%	7.2	4.0	4.7	4.5	4.9
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	504	361	334	395	369
Proportion of children (c)	%	15.1	11.8	13.6	13.4	14.3

- (a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. SA applied the earlier counting rule until 2004-05.
- (b) Data only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.106 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07 (b)</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	307	116	126	167	171
Proportion of children (c)	%	15.6	6.4	8.6	9.5	9.3
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	509	339	314	377	391
Proportion of children (c)	%	25.9	18.8	21.5	21.5	21.4

- (a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. SA applied the earlier counting rule until 2004-05.
- (b) Data only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.107

Table 15A.107 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, South Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	15.6	6.4	8.6	9.5	9.3
Proportion within 12 months	%	25.9	18.8	21.5	21.5	21.4
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	7.2	4.0	4.7	4.5	4.9
Proportion within 12 months	%	15.1	11.8	13.6	13.4	14.3
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	38.1	38.8	39.1	42.9	41.1

(a) The counting rule for this indicator changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. SA applied the earlier counting rule until 2004-05.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.108 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)

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

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

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

Table 15A.109 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number)**

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.110 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, South Australia (number) (a)

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.111

Table 15A.111 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)**

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

Table 15A.111 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)

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

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

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

Table 15A.112 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, South Australia (number) (a)**

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

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.113 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)

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

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia**

	<i>Unit</i>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	70	109	140	182	204
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	12	28	40	47	61
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	82	137	180	229	265
Other Indigenous carer	no.	136	138	136	124	112
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	136	138	136	124	112
Total children	no.	218	275	316	353	377
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	64	62	63	77	87
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	4	22	18	25	33
Total children	no.	68	84	81	102	120
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	8	12	24
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	286	359	405	467	521
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	24.5	30.4	35.3	40.0	41.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	4.2	7.8	10.1	10.3	12.3
Total placed with relative/kin	%	28.7	38.2	45.3	50.3	53.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	47.6	38.4	34.3	27.3	22.5
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	47.6	38.4	34.3	27.3	22.5
Total children	%	76.2	76.6	79.6	77.6	75.9
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	22.4	17.3	15.9	16.9	17.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	6.1	4.5	5.5	6.6
Total children	%	23.8	23.4	20.4	22.4	24.1
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.115 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	189	242	271	320	343
Non-Indigenous	no.	629	708	749	818	892
All children	no.	818	950	1 020	1 138	1 235
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	98.4	96.8	96.4	94.7	91.7
Non-Indigenous	%	97.8	96.2	89.8	91.7	91.5
All children	%	98.0	96.3	91.5	92.5	91.5

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

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

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

Table 15A.116

Table 15A.116 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	10	15	22	12	19
2 placements	3	5	4	13	8
3 placements	3	4	3	2	9
4-5 placements	-	2	4	3	3
6-10 placements	-	1	2	1	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	16	27	35	31	39
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	10	10	14	19	11
2 placement	6	3	12	14	11
3 placement	5	6	3	6	8
4-5 placement	2	3	6	5	5
6-10 placements	-	-	2	3	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	23	22	37	47	35
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	12	21	15	17	15
2 placement	8	11	4	12	20
3 placement	7	4	7	4	3
4-5 placement	10	7	6	9	17
6-10 placements	7	5	8	1	8
11 or more placements	1	-	-	2	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	45	48	40	45	63
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	7	9	14	10	17
2 placement	7	12	4	7	14
3 placement	3	6	9	6	14
4-5 placement	7	8	8	9	9
6-10 placements	9	10	12	5	15
11 or more placements	6	1	2	1	7
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	39	46	49	38	76

Table 15A.116 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	6	11	9	7	3
2 placement	8	6	6	7	7
3 placement	8	5	6	7	8
4-5 placement	4	6	5	9	8
6-10 placements	9	11	13	17	14
11 or more placements	5	11	7	11	16
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	40	50	46	58	56
All children					
1 placement	45	66	74	65	65
2 placements	32	37	30	53	60
3 placements	26	25	28	25	42
4-5 placements	23	26	29	35	42
6-10 placements	25	27	37	27	37
11 or more placements	12	12	9	14	23
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	163	193	207	219	269
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	29	33	52	58	49
3 or more placements	10	16	20	20	25
Total children	39	49	72	78	74
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	48	70	52	60	76
3 or more placements	76	74	83	81	119
Total children	124	144	135	141	195

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

- Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	8	11	8	na	4
Number of children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	1 943	2 014	2 269	2 379	2 519
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	0.4	0.5	0.4	na	0.2

(a) Data were not available for South Australia in 2007-08.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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

Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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

Table 15A.118 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	7.2	6.1	8.6	9.4	11.5
Carer/family issues	%	—	..
Not substantiated	%	5.1	4.8	4.0	6.8	8.4
Total finalised	%	12.4	10.9	12.7	16.2	19.9
Investigations in process (f)	%	4.6	18.5	12.4	1.9	2.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	6.5	7.3	1.7
Total investigations (h)	%	17.0	29.3	31.6	25.3	23.7
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	68.4	74.7	76.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	63.0	62.4	..	..	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	20.1	8.2	..	..	..
Total notifications (j)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) The high proportion of children with an unknown Indigenous status significantly impacts the reliability of this data.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The high proportion of children with an unknown Indigenous status at notification and investigation, and the inclusion of these cases in the non-Indigenous category, significantly impacts the reliability of these data.
- (i) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (j) In Tasmania, a change was made to the business processes for recording notifications in February 2008. New contacts made about similar concerns during an open notification/investigation period, within 6 weeks of the first contact, were added to the notification as a 'case note'. Case notes are not included in the count of notifications and hence comparison between values from 2007-08 to 2008-09 should be made with caution.

Table 15A.118 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
(k)	Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.119

Table 15A.119 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)

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

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

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

Table 15A.120

Table 15A.120 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

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

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

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

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

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.121

Table 15A.121 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)

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

Table 15A.121 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.					
(b) Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(c) Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.					
(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

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

Table 15A.122 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	8	21	45	22	39
Proportion of children (b)	%	1.9	4.5	6.4	2.8	4.1
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	42	61	95	75	129
Proportion of children (b)	%	9.9	13.0	13.5	9.6	13.4

(a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.123 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	25	46	64	46	51
Proportion of children (b)	%	4.3	7.9	7.8	4.3	3.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	83	120	151	156	166
Proportion of children (b)	%	14.2	20.6	18.3	14.4	11.8

(a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.124 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Tasmania

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	4.3	7.9	7.8	4.3	3.6
Proportion within 12 months	%	14.2	20.6	18.3	14.4	11.8
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	1.9	4.5	6.4	2.8	4.1
Proportion within 12 months	%	9.9	13.0	13.5	9.6	13.4

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07 (b)</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	58.7	55.9	68.2	58.2	57.8

- (a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.
- (b) The 2006-07 figure for Tasmania of 68.2 per cent was artificially inflated as a result of a number of cases that were reviewed and subsequently closed (with no outcome possible) as part of a dedicated project that commenced during 2006-07 to address a number of cases awaiting allocation. Tasmania has commenced a significant reform process addressing structural deficiencies in its child protection system and as a result some historical deficits have been addressed.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.125

Table 15A.125 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)

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

- (a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOH for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

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

Table 15A.126 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.126 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)

	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008 (c)</i>	<i>2009</i>
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(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Table 15A.127

Table 15A.127 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)**

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

- (a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.
- (b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be very low.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.128

Table 15A.128 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)

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

Table 15A.128 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number)
(a), (b), (c)

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

(b) Tasmania was unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. Both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out of home care.

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

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.129 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania (number) (a)

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

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

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.130 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

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

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be very low.
- (e) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.131

Table 15A.131 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	Unit	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	8	10	9	14	13
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	11	8	15	16	20
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	19	18	24	30	33
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	1	13	16	6	3
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	1	13	16	6	3
Total children	no.	20	31	40	36	36
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	54	55	58	62	89
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	7	10	4	5
Total children	no.	54	62	68	66	94
Independent living/unknown	no.	4	5	5	–	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	78	98	113	102	130
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	10.8	10.8	8.3	13.7	10.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.9	8.6	13.9	15.7	15.4
Total placed with relative/kin	%	25.7	19.4	22.2	29.4	25.4
Other Indigenous carer	%	1.4	14.0	14.8	5.9	2.3
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	14.0	14.8	5.9	2.3
Total children	%	27.0	33.3	37.0	35.3	27.7
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	73.0	59.1	53.7	60.8	68.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	7.5	9.3	3.9	3.8
Total children	%	73.0	66.7	63.0	64.7	72.3
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.132 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	43	59	79	73	97
Non-Indigenous	no.	296	370	376	384	463
All children	no.	339	429	455	457	560
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	87.8	85.5	97.5	96.1	95.1
Non-Indigenous	%	90.8	94.1	94.7	96.7	96.3
All children	%	90.4	92.9	95.2	96.6	96.1

- (a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Table 15A.133 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	43	40	30	39
2 placements	na	25	25	18	20
3 placements	na	20	12	16	2
4-5 placements	na	5	12	10	1
6-10 placements	na	1	1	-	-
11 or more placements	na	-	-	-	-
Unknown	na	-	-	-	-
Total children	na	94	90	74	62
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	3	13	16	2
2 placement	na	5	7	15	7
3 placement	na	3	8	3	5
4-5 placement	na	6	6	6	2
6-10 placements	na	2	1	-	1
11 or more placements	na	-	-	-	-
Unknown	na	-	-	-	-
Total children	na	19	35	40	17
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	7	2	12	6
2 placement	na	8	4	10	4
3 placement	na	1	7	6	2
4-5 placement	na	8	10	7	9
6-10 placements	na	8	6	5	3
11 or more placements	na	2	-	-	1
Unknown	na	-	-	-	-
Total children	na	34	29	40	25
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	5	2	4	7
2 placement	na	-	1	10	2
3 placement	na	8	3	5	6
4-5 placement	na	3	8	16	3
6-10 placements	na	6	7	12	8
11 or more placements	na	-	-	-	1
Unknown	na	-	-	-	-
Total children	na	22	21	47	27

Table 15A.133 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	2	–	1	–
2 placement	na	1	1	1	1
3 placement	na	1	1	3	2
4–5 placement	na	1	6	6	3
6–10 placements	na	2	3	7	3
11 or more placements	na	8	2	4	8
Unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total children	na	15	13	22	17
All children					
1 placement	na	60	57	63	54
2 placements	na	39	38	54	34
3 placements	na	33	31	33	17
4–5 placements	na	23	42	45	18
6–10 placements	na	19	18	24	15
11 or more placements	na	10	2	4	10
Unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total children	na	184	188	223	148
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	na	76	85	79	68
3 or more placements	na	37	40	35	11
Total children	na	113	125	114	79
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	na	23	10	38	20
3 or more placements	na	48	53	71	49
Total children	na	71	63	109	69

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.134 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	11	na	na	na	16
Number of children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	661	na	964	968	1 011
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	1.7	na	na	na	1.6

(a) Tasmania was unable to identify children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.135

Table 15A.135 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

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

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Table 15A.135 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

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

Table 15A.135 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

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

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice and/or referrals were followed up.
- 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (c) The decrease in the number of substantiated investigations reflects a requirement of staff to substantiate emotional abuse or neglect only if there was, or is likely to be, significant harm and there was no-one with parental responsibility willing and able to protect the child/young person.
- (d) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (e) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Previously these cases were recorded in 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) The decrease in investigations reflects the introduction of an assessment phase between the receipt of the notification and the decision to investigate where families may be assisted without investigation.
- (g) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'. In 2006-07, this figure reflects the inclusion of an assessment phase.
- (h) Fluctuations in numbers and proportions from 2004-05 to 2005-06 are due to changes in coding to distinguish between notifications not investigated and notifications dealt with by other means.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Table 15A.135 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
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.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.136 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)

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

(a) The introduction of the new *Children and Young People Act 1999* provided for short term orders which has impacted on the number of children admitted to orders.

(b) Children who had previously been on orders interstate, but not continuously, may be counted from 2005-06 as children on orders for the first time.

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

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

Table 15A.137

Table 15A.137 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number)**

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

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

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

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.138 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

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

Table 15A.138 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.					
(b) Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

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

Table 15A.139 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	38	77	95	64	23
Proportion of children (b)	%	5.7	7.5	10.4	6.1	3.6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	112	185	194	191	208
Proportion of children (b)	%	16.8	18.0	21.2	18.2	32.3

(a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.140 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	47	146	132	88	71
Proportion of children (b)	%	9.3	16.9	14.9	12.9	13.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	145	263	244	193	157
Proportion of children (b)	%	28.8	30.5	27.6	28.2	28.8

(a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.141 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Australian Capital Territory

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	9.3	16.9	14.9	12.9	13.0
Proportion within 12 months	%	28.8	30.5	27.6	28.2	28.8
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	5.7	7.5	10.4	6.1	3.6
Proportion within 12 months	%	16.8	18.0	21.2	18.2	32.3
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	48.0	51.1	35.3	56.6	50.4

(a) The counting rule for this indicator was changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.142 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	60	82	89	81	100
Non-Indigenous	282	306	310	344	394
All children	342	388	399	425	494
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	32.0	43.7	46.4	41.6	52.4
Non-Indigenous	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.6	5.1
All children	4.5	5.1	5.2	5.5	6.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	101	115	121	126	175
Non-Indigenous	534	528	551	550	717
All children	635	643	672	676	892
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)					
Indigenous	54.3	62.6	63.4	65.2	92.5
Non-Indigenous	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.3	9.4
All children	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	11.4

- (a) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (b) SAAP placements were counted as out-of-home care placements where Family Services made a financial payment.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

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

Table 15A.143 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.144 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.145

Table 15A.145 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)

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

Table 15A.145 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)

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

(b) Respite care includes children who were in emergency or planned respite from the home for non-child protection reasons, such as where the parents were ill or unable to care for the child. Non-respite includes children in care for child protection reasons.

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

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

Table 15A.146 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)

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

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

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.147 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

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

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) The number children in relative/kinship care may be understated as the relationship to a child of foster carers from non-government organisations is unknown.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

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

Table 15A.148 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	19	28	29	21	40
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	3	11	14	14	6
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	22	39	43	35	46
Other Indigenous carer	no.	14	17	16	14	9
Indigenous residential care	no.	2	1	2	4	3
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	16	18	18	18	12
Total children	no.	38	57	61	53	58
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	14	18	20	17	29
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	6	6	8	10	13
Total children	no.	20	24	28	27	42
Independent living/unknown	no.	2	1	–	1	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	60	82	89	81	100
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	32.8	34.6	32.6	26.3	40.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.2	13.6	15.7	17.5	6.0
Total placed with relative/kin	%	37.9	48.1	48.3	43.8	46.0
Other Indigenous carer	%	24.1	21.0	18.0	17.5	9.0
Indigenous residential care	%	3.4	1.2	2.2	5.0	3.0
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	27.6	22.2	20.2	22.5	12.0
Total children	%	65.5	70.4	68.5	66.3	58.0
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	24.1	22.2	22.5	21.3	29.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	10.3	7.4	9.0	12.5	13.0
Total children	%	34.5	29.6	31.5	33.8	42.0
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

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

Table 15A.149 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	36	49	57	46	60
Non-Indigenous	no.	161	171	186	215	242
All children	no.	197	220	243	261	302
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.9	95.2
Non-Indigenous	%	98.2	96.6	97.4	100.0	100.0
All children	%	98.5	97.3	98.0	99.6	99.0

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

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

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

Table 15A.150

Table 15A.150 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	67	33	24	9	48
2 placements	15	14	6	13	10
3 placements	1	6	3	7	1
4-5 placements	–	3	3	4	1
6-10 placements	–	–	1	–	–
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	83	56	37	33	60
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	5	11	5	5	5
2 placement	2	2	–	4	5
3 placement	1	1	1	5	4
4-5 placement	–	4	1	1	1
6-10 placements	–	1	–	–	1
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	8	19	7	15	16
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	5	18	9	7	3
2 placement	7	3	8	3	2
3 placement	3	–	2	4	–
4-5 placement	1	2	5	5	1
6-10 placements	1	4	2	2	2
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	17	27	26	21	8
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	8	7	8	12	5
2 placement	6	2	3	6	6
3 placement	1	2	2	5	–
4-5 placement	2	5	4	3	1
6-10 placements	2	2	3	2	1
11 or more placements	–	–	2	1	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	19	18	22	29	13

Table 15A.150

Table 15A.150 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1	2	2	2	4
2 placement	3	4	4	3	2
3 placement	2	1	–	1	2
4–5 placement	–	1	5	5	3
6–10 placements	1	–	3	3	2
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	7	8	14	14	13
All children					
1 placement	86	71	48	35	65
2 placements	33	25	21	29	25
3 placements	8	10	8	22	7
4–5 placements	3	15	18	18	7
6–10 placements	4	7	9	7	6
11 or more placements	–	–	2	1	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	134	128	106	112	110
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	89	60	35	31	68
3 or more placements	2	15	9	17	8
Total children	91	75	44	48	76
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	30	36	34	33	22
3 or more placements	13	17	28	31	12
Total children	43	53	62	64	34

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.151

Table 15A.151 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	11	11	3	2	1
Number of children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	635	643	672	676	892
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	1.7	1.7	0.4	0.3	0.1

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

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.152

Table 15A.152 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

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

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Table 15A.152 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

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

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Table 15A.152 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	22.5	16.8	20.8	20.7	13.9
Carer/family issues	%	–	..
Not substantiated	%	25.2	18.5	16.2	14.2	13.4
Total finalised	%	47.7	35.3	36.9	34.8	27.2
Investigations in process (f)	%	8.4	6.4	8.4	9.6	10.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	5.1	10.6	7.7
Total investigations	%	56.2	41.7	50.4	55.1	45.5
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	49.6	44.9	54.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	43.8	58.3	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.153 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)

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

(a) Includes all children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time since October 1998 (when client information system was commissioned) and excludes those children with a current care and protection order at that time.

(b) Due to a misinterpretation at the NT electronic case management system interface, the figure provided is likely to be an underestimation of the true number of clients admitted to orders in 2006-07, and should be treated with caution.

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.154 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.155

Table 15A.155 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)

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

Table 15A.155 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.					
(b) Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).					
(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					

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

Table 15A.156 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	12	15	9	18	20
Proportion of children (b)	%	2.4	2.6	1.6	3.8	2.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	61	45	33	48	84
Proportion of children (b)	%	12.2	7.7	5.8	10.3	8.4

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.157 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	17	11	25	32	36
Proportion of children (b)	%	2.8	1.9	4.1	5.0	5.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	53	44	69	80	87
Proportion of children (b)	%	8.7	7.5	11.3	12.5	12.3

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.158 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Northern Territory

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	2.8	1.9	4.1	5.0	5.1
Proportion within 12 months	%	8.7	7.5	11.3	12.5	12.3
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	2.4	2.6	1.6	3.8	2.0
Proportion within 12 months	%	12.2	7.7	5.8	10.3	8.4
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	47.2	47.5	56.2	59.3	50.9

(a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.159 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)

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

- (a) The data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

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

Table 15A.160 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.160 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (c)
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Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.161 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Northern Territory (number) (a)

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

- (a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders.
- (b) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.162 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)

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

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

Table 15A.162 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (c)
(b) The NT is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.					
(c) A change in the counting algorithm for 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate distribution in the length of time in Out of Home Care compared with 2007-08. In addition, improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.					
(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					
na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.					

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

Table 15A.163 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (number) (a)

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

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

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.164 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

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

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.

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

Table 15A.165

Table 15A.165 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	79	90	89	87	116
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	–
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	79	90	89	87	116
Other Indigenous carer	no.	71	67	61	48	52
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	71	67	61	48	52
Total children	no.	150	157	150	135	168
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	68	87	118	146	186
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	no.	68	87	118	146	186
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	3	–	–	4
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	218	247	268	281	358
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	36.2	36.9	33.2	31.0	32.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	–
Total placed with relative/kin	%	36.2	36.9	33.2	31.0	32.8
Other Indigenous carer	%	32.6	27.5	22.8	17.1	14.7
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	32.6	27.5	22.8	17.1	14.7
Total children	%	68.8	64.3	56.0	48.0	47.5
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	31.2	35.7	44.0	52.0	52.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	%	31.2	35.7	44.0	52.0	52.5
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.
- (b) The definition of 'relative/kin' used in this table is broader than the definition used in other tables because it includes kin relationships based on customary law.
- (c) Data on the relationship of the caregiver to children placed with non-Indigenous carers could not be provided and these children were included in the category 'other non-Indigenous carer'.
- (d) In the NT, children placed with family members have been included in the 'Indigenous relative/kin' category.

Table 15A.165 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
(e)	Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.					
(f)	Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.					
	na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.					

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

Table 15A.166 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	160	183	178	195	250
Non-Indigenous	no.	69	67	79	63	66
All children	no.	229	250	257	258	316
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	95.2	94.8	89.4	90.7	94.0
Non-Indigenous	%	93.2	97.1	84.0	80.8	91.7
All children	%	94.6	95.4	87.7	88.1	93.5

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.167

Table 15A.167 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	8	2	na	na	na
2 placements	10	14	na	na	na
3 placements	2	4	na	na	na
4-5 placements	1	4	na	na	na
6-10 placements	-	2	na	na	na
11 or more placements	-	-	na	na	na
Unknown	-	-	na	na	na
Total children	21	26	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	5	-	na	na	na
2 placement	1	5	na	na	na
3 placement	-	10	na	na	na
4-5 placement	1	4	na	na	na
6-10 placements	-	1	na	na	na
11 or more placements	-	-	na	na	na
Unknown	-	-	na	na	na
Total children	7	20	na	na	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	5	-	na	na	na
2 placement	6	7	na	na	na
3 placement	3	3	na	na	na
4-5 placement	-	1	na	na	na
6-10 placements	1	-	na	na	na
11 or more placements	-	-	na	na	na
Unknown	-	-	na	na	na
Total children	15	11	na	na	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	2	-	na	na	na
2 placement	1	-	na	na	na
3 placement	-	2	na	na	na
4-5 placement	2	-	na	na	na
6-10 placements	4	1	na	na	na
11 or more placements	-	-	na	na	na
Unknown	-	-	na	na	na
Total children	9	3	na	na	na

Table 15A.167 Children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	3	–	na	na	na
2 placement	–	–	na	na	na
3 placement	–	–	na	na	na
4–5 placement	2	–	na	na	na
6–10 placements	–	–	na	na	na
11 or more placements	–	–	na	na	na
Unknown	–	–	na	na	na
Total children	5	–	na	na	na
All children					
1 placement	23	2	na	na	na
2 placements	18	26	na	na	na
3 placements	5	19	na	na	na
4–5 placements	6	9	na	na	na
6–10 placements	5	4	na	na	na
11 or more placements	–	–	na	na	na
Unknown	–	–	na	na	na
Total children	57	60	na	na	na
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	24	21	..	..	..
3 or more placements	4	25	..	..	..
Total children	28	46	..	..	..
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	17	7	..	..	..
3 or more placements	12	7	..	..	..
Total children	29	14	..	..	..

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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

Table 15A.168 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>
Number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	521	541	680	654	747
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	%	na	na	na	na	na

(a) NT could not provide these data as the NT does not record whether the person believed responsible was living in the household at the time of the abuse or neglect.

na Not available.

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

Juvenile Justice data

Table 15A.169 Proportion of juvenile justice clients aged 10–17 years who were supervised in the community and in detention centres, at 30 June (a), (b), (c)

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
2005								
Community	82.1	89.0	92.7	86.1	84.0	91.6	90.5	88.7
Detention	17.9	11.0	7.3	13.9	16.0	8.4	9.5	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006								
Community	80.4	92.7	91.0	86.4	87.8	89.1	83.2	83.3
Detention	19.6	7.3	9.0	13.6	12.2	10.9	16.8	16.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2007								
Community	83.9	92.8	89.5	83.3	87.2	92.7	88.0	79.8
Detention	16.1	7.2	10.5	16.7	12.8	7.3	12.0	20.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2008								
Community	79.7	89.4	91.2	82.9	85.6	95.1	92.3	76.9
Detention	20.3	10.6	8.8	17.1	14.4	4.9	7.7	23.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2009								
Community	81.8	92.1	89.2	83.3	85.9	95.8	89.0	85.1
Detention	18.2	7.9	10.8	16.7	14.1	4.2	11.0	14.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Includes only those young people who were under the supervision or case management of juvenile justice agencies on a pre- or post sentence legal arrangement or order (for example, supervised bail, remand, a community services order, parole and detention).
- (b) Juvenile justice agencies also have additional clients in detention and community supervision who are over 17 years of age.
- (c) Clients may be on multiple orders at any one time. The distribution is therefore not based on order type but on where the client was located at 30 June each year.
- (d) Karijong Juvenile Correctional Centre is excluded from NSW figures.
- (e) In Queensland, juvenile justice legislation applies to those young people who were aged 10–16 years at the time of the offence. These data, however, include 17 year olds who were still on supervision in the juvenile justice system as at 30 June each year.
- (f) Detention figures exclude individuals subject to Juvenile Justice Team Referrals. Community figures only include individuals on supervision orders.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) (data supplied by State and Territory governments).

Table 15A.170 Daily average population of people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04	209	62	91	122	50	26	18	13	590
2004-05	218	53	89	110	58	33	15	22	596
2005-06	244	53	127	115	39	27	13	17	634
2006-07	277	48	138	132	42	19	14	26	696
2007-08	338	63	143	154	55	24	13	24	814

(a) Average based on population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

(b) Due to rounding, the Australian total may differ from the combined total of all jurisdictions.

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

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJNMDs) (unpublished); Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) Juveniles in detention (unpublished).

Table 15A.171 Average rate of detention of people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people aged 10–17 years (a), (b), (c)

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2003-04	28.7	11.6	20.7	53.5	30.5	47.8	49.8	53.0	26.8
2004-05	29.9	9.9	19.9	48.3	35.7	59.0	41.1	85.2	26.9
2005-06	33.3	9.8	27.8	50.3	24.0	48.2	36.4	67.5	28.4
2006-07	37.7	8.8	29.3	56.2	25.4	35.0	40.6	98.8	30.8
2007-08	46.1	11.5	30.2	65.2	33.5	43.8	37.9	89.2	35.9

- (a) Detention rates are based on the average population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).
- (b) Indigenous rates for 2007-08 were calculated using 'Series B' from *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021* (cat. no. 3238.0). Rates prior to 2007-08 were calculated using 'Low series' Indigenous population estimates from *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009* (cat. no. 3238.0). Any variation in derived rates may be due to the assumptions and limitations of the base population data.
- (c) Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.
- (d) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIHW JJNMDS (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished).

Table 15A.172 Males and females as a proportion of the total population aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Males									
2004	93.4	91.9	95.6	86.4	92.2	100.0	93.8	100.0	92.4
2005	94.9	82.5	93.9	85.8	88.1	91.4	80.0	100.0	90.9
2006	95.3	81.6	91.2	91.6	95.1	90.0	76.5	96.0	92.3
2007	91.8	95.9	89.5	88.5	90.5	87.5	84.6	94.1	90.7
2008	93.2	93.6	87.3	90.4	86.8	96.2	87.5	95.7	91.5
Females									
2004	6.6	8.1	4.4	13.6	7.8	–	6.3	–	7.6
2005	5.1	17.5	6.1	14.2	11.9	8.6	20.0	–	9.1
2006	4.7	18.4	8.8	8.4	4.9	10.0	23.5	4.0	7.7
2007	8.2	4.1	10.5	11.5	9.5	12.5	15.4	5.9	9.3
2008	6.8	6.4	12.7	9.6	13.2	3.8	12.5	4.3	8.5

(a) Data as at 30 June of each year.

(b) NSW data from 31 March 2005 onwards includes Kariong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees. Numbers for males at 30 June 2005, 30 June 2006 and 30 June 2007 include young males in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department for Corrective Services.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW JJNMDS (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished).

Table 15A.173 Daily average population of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number) (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04	98	14	54	92	18	6	4	12	298
2004-05	111	12	53	87	28	7	6	19	322
2005-06	127	11	73	82	14	6	5	16	334
2006-07	147	10	93	97	19	6	5	24	400
2007-08	183	13	88	119	25	11	8	22	469

(a) Average based on population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

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

Source: AIHW JJNMDs (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished).

Table 15A.174 Average rates of detention and Indigenous rate ratio, young people aged 10-17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people (a), (b), (c)

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
Indigenous									
2003-04	339.3	231.0	202.6	671.8	333.2	158.7	503.2	108.6	310.1
2004-05	368.5	179.4	189.0	616.3	508.3	181.9	696.8	174.9	322.8
2005-06	405.9	168.0	246.5	570.9	256.1	148.3	594.8	146.3	324.1
2006-07	455.0	138.5	298.9	661.8	338.7	161.1	494.8	207.6	376.9
2007-08	585.4	195.3	296.0	880.6	442.3	288.6	946.8	196.0	456.1
Non-Indigenous									
2003-04	15.9	9.1	8.9	13.8	20.3	39.6	39.4	12.2	13.9
2004-05	15.4	7.8	8.6	10.8	19.2	49.8	25.4	17.4	13.0
2005-06	16.7	7.8	12.7	15.4	15.8	40.6	22.0	6.9	14.1
2006-07	18.5	7.1	10.3	15.7	14.1	25.4	27.8	18.1	13.7
2007-08	21.3	7.9	13.2	15.6	19.2	26.1	15.5	9.8	15.3
Indigenous/non-Indigenous rate ratio (f)									
2003-04	21.4	25.4	22.9	48.6	16.5	4.0	12.8	8.9	22.4
2004-05	24.0	23.0	22.0	57.2	26.5	3.7	27.4	10.1	24.9
2005-06	24.3	21.5	19.4	37.1	16.2	3.7	27.1	21.2	23.0
2006-07	24.6	19.5	29.0	42.1	24.0	6.3	17.8	11.5	27.5
2007-08	27.4	24.9	22.5	56.4	23.0	11.1	61.3	20.1	29.8

- (a) Detention rates are based on average population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).
- (b) Indigenous rates for 2007-08 were calculated using 'Series B' from *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021* (cat. no. 3238.0). Rates prior to 2007-08 were calculated using 'Low series' Indigenous population estimates from *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009* (cat. no. 3238.0). Any variation in derived rates may be due to the assumptions and limitations of the base population data.
- (c) Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for those states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.
- (d) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services
- (e) The rate for Indigenous young people should be treated with caution due to the small Indigenous population in the ACT. The rate ratio should also be taken into account.
- (f) The Indigenous rate ratio has been derived by the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision and is calculated by dividing the average Indigenous rate of detention with the average non-Indigenous rate of detention.

Source: AIHW JJNMDS (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished).

Table 15A.175

Table 15A.175 Custody nights, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Number of nights in custody in detention centres									
Indigenous	75 109.0	7 869.0	27 570.0	41 258.0	10 778.0	3 752.0	2 236.0	9 157.0	177 729.0
Non-Indigenous	77 254.0	41 165.0	18 615.0	15 619.0	15 039.0	6 589.0	3 122.0	7 89.0	178 192.0
Unknown	3 582.0	55.0	-	na	238.0	-	-	-	3 875.0
Total	155 945.0	49 089.0	46 185.0	na	26 055.0	10 341.0	5 358.0	9 946.0	302 919.0
Number of nights in custody outside detention centres									
Indigenous	na	-	-	na	-	130.0	-	-	130.0
Non-Indigenous	na	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	na	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Total	na	-	-	na	-	130.0	-	-	130.0
Total number of custody nights									
Indigenous	na	7 869.0	27 570.0	na	10 778.0	3 882.0	2 236.0	9 157.0	61 492.0
Non-Indigenous	na	41 165.0	18 615.0	na	15 039.0	6 589.0	3 122.0	7 89.0	85 319.0
Unknown	na	55.0	-	na	238.0	-	-	-	293.0
Total	na	49 089.0	46 185.0	na	26 055.0	10 471.0	5 358.0	9 946.0	147 104.0
Average nightly population in detention centres									
Indigenous	205.8	21.6	75.5	113.0	29.5	10.3	6.1	25.1	486.9
Non-Indigenous	211.7	112.8	51.0	42.8	41.2	18.1	8.6	2.2	488.2
Unknown	9.8	0.2	-	na	0.7	-	-	-	10.6
Total	427.2	134.5	126.5	na	71.4	28.3	14.7	27.2	829.9
Average nightly population in custody									
Indigenous	na	21.6	75.5	na	29.5	10.6	6.1	25.1	168.5
Non-Indigenous	na	112.8	51.0	na	41.2	18.1	8.6	2.2	233.8
Unknown	na	0.2	-	na	0.7	-	-	-	0.8
Total	na	134.5	126.5	na	71.4	28.7	14.7	27.2	403.0

Table 15A.175

Table 15A.175 Custody nights, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.176 Proportion of pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.177 **Deaths in custody, by Indigenous status, 2008-09**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Number of young people who died in custody									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.178

Table 15A.178 Young people in detention attending education and training, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

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

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

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.179

Table 15A.179 Escapes from detention and escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

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

Table 15A.179

Table 15A.179 Escapes from detention and escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

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

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

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

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.180 **Absconds from unescorted leave, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Number of absconds from unescorted leave									
Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-Indigenous	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Number of periods of unescorted leave undertaken									
Indigenous	673.0	20.0	–	–	6.0	–	na	na	699.0
Non-Indigenous	763.0	434.0	–	–	9.0	–	na	na	1 206.0
Unknown	67.0	–	–	–	–	91.0	na	na	158.0
Total	1 503.0	454.0	–	–	15.0	91.0	na	na	2 063.0
Rate of absconds per 1000 periods of unescorted leave									
Indigenous	–	–	..	..	–	..	na	na	–
Non-Indigenous	–	–	..	..	–	..	na	na	–
Unknown	–	..	..	..	..	–	na	na	–
Total	–	–	..	..	–	–	na	na	–

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

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.181

Table 15A.181 Case plans prepared/reviewed within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced order, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.181 Case plans prepared/reviewed within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced order, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished).

SAAP data

Table 15A.182

Table 15A.182 **Composition of support provided in SAAP support periods (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04										
Housing/accommodation	%	76.3	40.6	71.0	82.5	61.7	60.4	86.7	89.7	62.0
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	25.4	40.2	33.0	33.0	28.2	25.9	58.9	42.2	33.6
Personal support	%	45.9	39.8	44.9	49.3	62.7	51.7	73.5	60.6	46.2
General support/advocacy	%	76.0	66.6	66.9	56.2	81.0	69.5	84.0	69.7	69.9
Specialist services	%	40.3	15.3	27.8	30.2	16.7	8.0	46.1	38.2	25.7
Other	%	75.8	38.1	62.5	73.2	45.6	43.1	78.6	84.4	56.8
Total number	'000	48.6	67.2	28.4	13.8	14.7	6.6	3.0	4.8	187.1
2004-05										
Housing/accommodation	%	73.5	45.9	74.2	75.1	58.4	65.5	85.7	85.4	62.7
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	28.4	41.5	35.3	35.6	28.7	28.2	54.5	48.3	35.6
Personal support	%	49.6	45.6	44.9	49.3	70.0	53.8	64.1	63.0	50.0
General support/advocacy	%	74.2	72.0	68.0	57.2	86.3	72.9	73.3	71.1	72.0
Specialist services	%	30.0	16.6	27.2	29.6	20.3	8.9	41.2	30.0	23.2
Other	%	68.1	38.4	64.1	68.8	48.9	43.1	67.9	78.0	54.5
Total number	'000	41.3	62.0	26.3	14.5	15.6	6.4	2.3	4.6	173.0
2005-06										
Housing/accommodation	%	73.0	40.8	73.5	80.7	57.2	69.7	84.3	81.6	59.6
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	32.1	42.2	34.7	36.5	26.9	34.3	46.9	40.5	36.9
Personal support	%	56.5	46.0	49.1	50.6	64.0	54.9	62.1	54.9	51.5
General support/advocacy	%	76.7	73.1	71.1	59.9	81.7	79.0	75.1	67.3	73.5
Specialist services	%	28.8	16.6	23.1	31.6	30.1	10.8	27.1	36.7	22.9
Other	%	65.9	31.8	64.9	72.0	40.1	45.3	62.4	74.3	49.7
Total number	'000	39.0	69.6	24.7	12.4	15.4	6.1	2.7	4.2	174.1
2006-07										
Housing/accommodation	%	64.1	39.0	69.9	71.5	51.9	63.5	83.6	71.2	55.5
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	30.6	40.0	38.9	33.8	23.1	32.8	50.6	41.3	35.2
Personal support	%	59.2	52.5	48.9	49.9	68.0	62.4	68.2	65.4	55.9
General support/advocacy	%	78.7	80.6	71.4	59.6	83.5	77.0	77.9	69.5	77.1
Specialist services	%	26.6	19.6	20.7	29.2	28.5	10.6	32.1	30.9	23.3
Other	%	58.5	32.6	59.3	71.1	44.4	43.6	61.3	72.6	48.6
Total number	'000	51.5	72.3	26.1	15.7	19.3	6.6	2.4	4.6	198.6
2007-08										
Housing/accommodation	%	59.7	38.7	66.2	63.8	50.5	60.7	74.4	73.2	53.9
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	31.1	41.2	41.4	32.4	25.4	30.0	43.1	45.3	35.7
Counselling	%	61.7	46.9	47.8	47.8	67.5	61.7	63.7	62.6	54.5

Table 15A.182 **Composition of support provided in SAAP support periods (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
General support/advocacy	%	82.9	80.8	69.8	57.4	84.6	70.2	75.3	67.3	77.6
Specialist services	%	23.5	14.8	19.4	33.8	26.2	10.6	29.9	20.3	20.9
Other	%	59.3	26.8	56.8	66.6	38.6	43.5	58.3	66.2	46.9
Total number	'000	62.8	66.3	30.4	17.4	20.6	6.5	2.7	3.8	210.5

(a) Clients were able to receive multiple services, so percentages do not total 100. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

(b) In 2007-08, the category 'personal support' was changed to 'counselling'.

(c) Number excluded due to errors and omissions in 2005-06: 5954; in 2006-07: 9098; in 2007-08: 9787.

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

Table 15A.183 **SAAP agencies by primary target group (a), (b)**

Primary target group	Unit	Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group				
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Young people	%	36.7	36.4	36.0	35.4	35.4
Women escaping domestic violence	%	22.2	22.5	22.8	24.0	23.0
Cross target/multiple/general	%	20.5	20.9	21.4	22.7	23.6
Families	%	9.5	9.3	9.2	8.4	8.3
Single men only	%	7.5	7.1	7.0	6.4	6.5
Single women only	%	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.0	3.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 293	1 291	1 300	1 539	1 562

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

(b) At 30 June 2006, 1296 agencies were funded; at 30 June 2007, 1523 agencies were funded; at 30 June 2008, 1547 agencies were funded.

Source: AIHW (2009) *Homeless People in SAAP: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2007-Australia*. SAAP NDCA Report series 13.

Table 15A.184 **SAAP agencies by service delivery model (a), (b)**

Primary target group	Unit	Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group				
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Medium/long term accommodation	%	36.7	36.3	35.8	40.0	41.2
Crisis/short term accommodation	%	35.2	34.8	35.2	31.1	30.9
Multiple	%	12.8	13.2	13.5	12.2	9.0
Outreach support	%	5.3	5.0	4.5	6.4	7.1
Day support	%	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7
Agency support	%	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.5
Telephone information/referral	%	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.0
Other	%	5.0	5.6	5.6	6.0	7.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 293	1 291	1 300	1 539	1 562

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

(b) At 30 June 2006, 1296 agencies were funded; at 30 June 2007, 1523 agencies were funded; at 30 June 2008, 1547 agencies were funded.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.185

Table 15A.185 **Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2004-05										
Funding allocation										
Australian government	\$m	56.3	37.4	29.0	17.2	16.6	7.4	5.9	4.9	174.7
State/Territory governments	\$m	56.8	24.6	19.1	11.7	10.1	5.0	4.8	3.2	135.2
Total	\$m	113.1	62.0	48.0	29.0	26.6	12.4	10.7	8.1	309.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian government	%	49.8	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	60.9	56.4
State/Territory governments	%	50.2	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	39.1	43.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2005-06										
Funding allocation										
Australian government	\$m	57.5	38.2	29.6	17.6	16.9	7.6	6.0	5.0	178.5
State/Territory governments	\$m	58.1	25.1	25.3	12.0	10.3	6.2	4.9	3.5	145.4
Total	\$m	115.6	63.4	54.9	29.6	27.2	13.8	10.9	8.6	323.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian government	%	49.8	60.3	53.9	59.5	62.2	54.9	55.3	58.8	55.1
State/Territory governments	%	50.2	39.7	46.1	40.5	37.8	45.1	44.7	41.2	44.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006-07 (c)										
Funding allocation										
Australian government	\$m	59.4	37.7	30.4	18.2	17.3	7.8	6.0	5.2	182.0
State/Territory governments	\$m	59.3	36.3	33.2	15.8	14.4	6.8	6.0	3.7	175.5
Total	\$m	118.7	74.0	63.6	34.0	31.7	14.6	12.0	8.9	358.0
Proportion of total funding										
Australian government	%	50.0	50.9	47.8	53.5	54.5	53.3	50.3	58.2	50.8
State/Territory governments	%	50.0	49.1	52.2	46.5	45.5	46.7	49.7	41.8	49.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2007-08 (c), (d)										
Funding allocation										
Australian government	\$m	60.9	39.4	30.5	18.2	17.4	7.8	6.3	5.2	185.8
State/Territory governments	\$m	60.6	37.1	35.1	18.6	17.1	7.3	6.2	4.8	186.7
Total	\$m	121.5	76.5	65.6	36.7	34.5	15.1	12.4	10.0	372.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian government	%	50.1	51.5	46.5	49.5	50.5	51.6	50.4	52.0	49.8
State/Territory governments	%	49.9	48.5	53.5	50.5	49.5	48.4	49.6	48.0	50.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15A.185 Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2008-09 (e), (f)										
Funding allocation										
Australian government	\$m	31.4	20.4	15.8	9.4	9.0	4.0	3.2	2.7	95.9
State/Territory governments	\$m	30.8	18.8	17.8	10.1	8.7	3.9	3.2	2.4	95.7
Total	\$m	62.2	39.2	33.6	19.5	17.7	7.9	6.4	5.1	191.6
Proportion of total funding										
Australian government	%	50.5	52.0	46.9	48.2	50.9	51.0	50.5	52.6	50.1
State/Territory governments	%	49.5	48.0	53.1	51.8	49.1	49.0	49.5	47.4	49.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

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

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

(e) All allocations are for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008 when the SAAP V Agreement ended.

(f) Australian total includes the full annual contribution for each state and territory to the Data and Program Evaluation as agreed in the varied SAAP V Agreement.

Source: Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) (unpublished).

Table 15A.186

Table 15A.186 Total recurrent SAAP program funding (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Nominal funding										
2004-05	\$m	113.1	62.0	48.0	29.0	26.6	12.4	10.7	8.1	309.9
2005-06	\$m	115.6	63.4	54.9	29.6	27.2	13.8	10.9	8.6	323.9
2006-07	\$m	118.7	74.0	63.6	34.0	31.7	14.6	12.0	8.9	358.0
2007-08	\$m	121.5	76.5	65.6	36.7	34.5	15.1	12.4	10.0	372.9
2008-09	\$m	62.2	39.2	33.6	19.5	17.7	7.9	6.4	5.1	191.6
Real funding (2008-09 dollars) (d)										
2004-05	\$m	135.9	74.5	57.7	34.8	32.0	14.9	12.8	9.7	372.5
2005-06	\$m	132.7	72.7	63.0	34.0	31.3	15.8	12.5	9.8	371.9
2006-07	\$m	130.2	81.1	69.7	37.2	34.8	16.1	13.2	9.7	392.5
2007-08	\$m	127.7	80.3	68.9	38.6	36.2	15.9	13.1	10.5	391.7
2008-09 (e)	\$m	62.2	39.2	33.6	19.5	17.7	7.9	6.4	5.1	191.6

(a) Includes total SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).

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

(c) Includes Innovation and Investment funding from 2006-07 onwards under SAAP V agreement.

(d) Real recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2008-09 = 100).

(e) All allocations are for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008 when the SAAP V Agreement ended.

Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); Table 15A.185 and Table AA.26

Table 15A.187 Real recurrent SAAP program funding per person in the residential population (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<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>
2004-05	20.2	14.9	14.6	17.4	20.7	30.8	39.1	47.7	18.4
2005-06	19.6	14.3	15.6	16.7	20.0	32.4	37.7	47.2	18.1
2006-07	19.0	15.7	16.9	17.9	22.1	32.7	39.1	45.8	18.8
2007-08	18.4	15.3	16.3	18.1	22.8	32.1	38.3	48.2	18.5
2008-09 (e)	8.8	7.3	7.7	8.8	11.0	15.8	18.4	23.1	8.9

- (a) Includes SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).
- (b) Historical population rates used in this figure may differ from those in previous Reports, as historical population data have been revised using Final Rebased Estimated Resident Population (ERP) data following the 2006 Census of Population and Housing (for 31 December 2003 to 2005). The total population figure is not indicative of the demand for SAAP services.
- (c) Real recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2008-09 = 100).
- (d) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (e) All allocations are for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008 when the SAAP V Agreement ended.

Source: Tables 15A.186, AA.2 and AA.26.

Table 15A.188

Table 15A.188 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of people requiring new immediate SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2003-04 (g)										
Not accommodated	no.	48.0	50.6	46.1	20.1	13.3	12.2	12.1	2.4	204.7
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	110.4	77.5	87.8	42.9	28.7	17.9	16.6	9.6	391.6
Turn-away	%	43.5	65.3	52.5	46.8	46.3	68.1	72.5	25.2	52.3
2004-05 (h)										
Not accommodated	no.	57.9	36.1	42.8	21.6	13.5	9.3	7.4	4.7	193.2
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	104.9	60.7	81.2	43.9	28.6	16.4	10.5	13.3	359.6
Turn-away	%	55.1	59.4	52.7	49.1	47.1	56.5	70.7	35.5	53.7
2005-06 (i)										
Not accommodated	no.	56.9	43.1	46.8	32.6	17.6	14.6	8.1	5.4	225.3
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	128.9	74.1	88.2	52.4	31.9	22.0	11.4	11.1	420.1
Turn-away	%	44.2	58.2	53.0	62.2	55.3	66.6	71.2	48.7	53.6
2006-07 (j)										
Not accommodated	no.	59.2	43.1	57.6	32.2	19.6	11.1	9.4	3.4	235.8
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	130.1	74.0	98.9	56.7	32.8	18.5	12.4	8.9	432.1
Turn-away	%	45.5	58.2	58.3	56.8	59.9	60.2	76.3	38.7	54.6
2007-08 (k)										
Not accommodated	no.	62.4	21.9	75.5	30.9	20.8	15.4	9.7	4.6	241.2
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	144.8	48.2	113.4	50.9	33.7	21.9	11.9	11.5	436.4
Turn-away	%	43.1	45.3	66.6	60.6	61.7	70.4	81.4	40.4	55.3

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Table 15A.188 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of people requiring new immediate SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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- (a) Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in SAAP agencies. Some cases were excluded due to missing data from the two collections. Adjustments have been made for the missing data in the Demand for Accommodation Collection only.
- (b) For the Client Collection, the accommodation status of a client on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period. Clients may start and end accommodation on the same date. If a client starts and ends accommodation on the same day, these periods are considered to be a single period. It can reasonably be assumed that a client will not start more than one period of accommodation on the same day.
- (c) For the Demand for Accommodation Collection, data for 'not accommodated' includes only people with valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation. 'Valid unmet requests' excludes those made at an agency of an inappropriate target group, where the person or group is determined to be inappropriate for the agency, where there is no fee-free accommodation available, or where proffered assistance is refused.
- (d) This table excludes accompanied children.
- (e) A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people whose requests for accommodation were unable to be met by SAAP agencies. The collection for each financial year is held in December and May, except in 2006-07 when the collection was held in August and May.
- (f) Comparisons between years should be treated with caution, due to variation in participation rates, differing imputation methods and because the collections were held on different dates each year.
- (g) Figures are unweighted. 324 records in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.
- (h) Figures are unweighted. 304 records in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Figures are unweighted. 79 records (daily average) in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.
- (j) Figures are unweighted. 31.8 records (daily average) in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.
- (k) Figures are unweighted. 27.1 records (daily average) in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.

Source: AIHW (2004), *Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection*, Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), *Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection*, SAAP NDCA report, Cat. No. HOU 151. Canberra; AIHW (2007), *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection*. SAAP NDCA report, Cat. No. HOU 169, Canberra; AIHW (2008), *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report, Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; AIHW (2009), *Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2007-08: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection*, Cat. No. HOU 211, Canberra.

Table 15A.189

Table 15A.189 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	Unit											
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust			
2003-04 (g)												
Not accommodated	no.	48.0	50.6	46.1	20.1	13.3	12.2	12.1	2.4	204.7		
Total accommodated	no.	2 368.7	2 028.0	1 367.8	590.8	709.1	167.2	146.4	125.3	7 503.4		
Total demand for accommodation	no.	2416.7	2078.6	1413.9	610.9	722.4	179.4	158.5	127.7	7708.1		
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.0	2.4	3.3	3.3	1.8	6.8	7.6	1.9	2.7		
2004-05 (h)												
Not accommodated	no.	57.9	36.1	42.8	21.6	13.5	9.3	7.4	4.7	193.2		
Total accommodated	no.	2 306.4	1 862.3	1 446.3	596.5	684.7	181.0	155.6	175.7	7 408.7		
Total demand for accommodation	no.	2 364.3	1 898.4	1 489.1	618.1	698.2	190.3	163.0	180.4	7 601.9		
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.4	1.9	2.9	3.5	1.9	4.9	4.6	2.6	2.5		
2005-06 (i)												
Not accommodated	no.	56.9	43.1	46.8	32.6	17.6	14.6	8.1	5.4	225.3		
Total accommodated	no.	2 416.6	1 908.3	1 235.6	565.0	698.7	210.3	185.1	148.2	7 367.6		
Total demand for accommodation	no.	2 473.5	1 951.4	1 282.4	597.6	716.3	224.9	193.2	153.6	7 592.9		
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.3	2.2	3.6	5.4	2.5	6.5	4.2	3.5	3.0		
2006-07 (j)												
Not accommodated	no.	59.2	43.1	57.6	32.2	19.6	11.1	9.4	3.4	235.8		
Total accommodated	no.	2 580.2	1 885.6	1 356.6	562.4	827.0	222.1	196.0	150.2	7 780.0		
Total demand for accommodation	no.	2 639.4	1 928.7	1 414.2	594.6	846.6	233.2	205.4	153.6	8 015.8		
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.2	2.2	3.9	5.1	2.3	4.6	4.4	2.2	2.9		
2007-08 (k)												
Not accommodated	no.	62.4	21.9	75.5	30.9	20.8	15.4	9.7	4.6	241.2		
Total accommodated	no.	3 066.6	1 629.6	1 407.2	657.2	842.1	258.4	277.5	154.2	8 292.8		
Total demand for accommodation	no.	3 129.0	1 651.5	1 482.7	688.1	862.9	273.8	287.2	158.8	8 534.0		

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Table 15A.189 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.0	1.3	5.1	4.5	2.4	5.6	3.4	2.9	2.8

- (a) Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in SAAP agencies. Some cases were excluded due to missing data from the two collections. Adjustments have been made for the missing data in the Demand for Accommodation Collection only.
- (b) For the Client Collection, the accommodation status of a client on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period. Clients may start and end accommodation on the same date. If a client starts and ends accommodation on the same day, these periods are considered to be a single period. It can reasonably be assumed that a client will not start more than one period of accommodation on the same day.
- (c) For the Demand for Accommodation Collection, data for 'not accommodated' includes only people with valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation. 'Valid unmet requests' excludes those made at an agency of an inappropriate target group, where the person or group is determined to be inappropriate for the agency, where there is no fee-free accommodation available, or where proffered assistance is refused.
- (d) A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people whose requests for accommodation were unable to be met by SAAP agencies. The collection for each financial year is held in December and May, except in 2006-07 when the collection was held in August and May.
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Table 15A.189 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Source:	<p>AIHW (2004), Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection, Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection, SAAP NDCA report, Cat. No. HOU 151. Canberra; AIHW (2007), Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection. SAAP NDCA report, Cat. No. HOU 169, Canberra; AIHW (2008), Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection. SAAP NDCA report, Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; AIHW (2009), Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2007-08: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection, Cat. No. HOU 211, Canberra.</p>									

Table 15A.190 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among all SAAP clients										
2003-04	%	17.4	4.5	22.7	38.7	16.4	9.4	12.9	57.3	16.5
2004-05	%	16.2	6.0	23.2	39.9	16.6	11.7	12.1	61.3	20.4
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service										
2003-04	%	20.8	7.0	19.2	47.6	21.9	7.4	10.5	57.1	18.7
2004-05	%	20.2	6.8	24.7	44.0	17.5	7.7	4.8	59.1	20.1
Representation among accommodated SAAP clients										
2005-06	%	17.1	7.0	23.5	42.7	18.0	10.9	9.5	64.6	21.4
2006-07 (f)	%	18.5	6.8	22.3	40.9	23.3	12.2	13.8	66.4	22.1
2007-08 (g)	%	18.2	7.2	21.7	41.0	21.4	11.6	12.3	65.2	21.7
Representation among people unable to be provided with SAAP accommodation										
2005-06	%	22.1	7.9	26.8	57.7	26.8	8.0	18.8	65.2	25.6
2006-07	%	32.2	7.6	30.2	63.9	25.9	12.5	7.7	71.4	29.7
2007-08	%	26.3	7.2	35.8	56.5	23.7	3.3	12.5	84.6	28.2

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of valid unmet requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid unmet requests only. Since a client may have support periods in more than one state or territory, state and territory figures do not sum to the national figure.
- (b) Unmet requests exclude requests where the person or group refused an offer of accommodation; where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency; and where the request was not met because there was no fee-free accommodation available. People may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Data are based on the first valid unmet request for accommodation made.
- (c) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of people with valid unmet requests, for several reasons. First, person(s) can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited by estimating the first valid unmet request, this information may not have been available to record. Second, a number of people may receive ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. Third, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Finally, there are also shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day-to-day demand for their services and it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.
- (d) Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.
- (e) Until 2004-05, this measure compared the proportion of people from these two groups who could not be accommodated with their representation among all SAAP clients (including accommodated and not accommodated). Data from 2005-06 onwards provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, and therefore are not comparable with earlier data.
- (f) Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2184 from the Client collection, 159.2 (daily average) from the Demand for Accommodation collection.
- (g) Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2033.

Table 15A.190 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>Source:</i>	SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); AIHW (2004), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), <i>Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection, SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 151, Canberra; AIHW (2007), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 169, Canberra; AIHW (2008), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; AIHW (2009), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2007-08: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 211, Canberra.									

Table 15A.191 Proportion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among all SAAP clients										
2003-04	%	10.1	14.5	5.9	9.4	7.2	3.3	10.2	4.5	10.4
2004-05	%	10.8	14.9	5.8	8.4	6.8	3.5	9.9	4.2	9.7
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service										
2003-04	%	6.4	9.5	2.3	8.3	2.7	–	5.3	–	5.7
2004-05	%	8.6	10.9	1.3	10.7	5.0	3.8	19.0	–	6.8
Representation among accommodated SAAP clients										
2005-06	%	11.6	15.2	6.1	8.0	7.6	3.7	13.8	3.8	9.9
2006-07 (f)	%	11.3	16.1	6.4	7.4	6.6	4.8	13.8	3.6	9.9
2007-08 (g)	%	12.7	17.7	7.0	9.1	8.1	4.5	15.5	4.9	11.1
Representation among people unable to be provided with SAAP accommodation										
2005-06	%	10.7	11.5	2.0	4.2	7.3	4.0	12.5	–	6.8
2006-07	%	8.2	10.2	3.6	6.2	7.4	6.3	15.4	–	7.0
2007-08	%	8.4	12.8	2.8	7.2	5.4	3.3	12.5	–	6.7

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid requests only.
- (b) Unmet requests exclude requests where the person or group refused an offer of accommodation; where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency; and where the request was not met because there was no fee-free accommodation available. People may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Data are based on the first valid unmet request for accommodation made.
- (c) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of people with valid unmet requests, for several reasons. First, person(s) can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited by estimating the first valid unmet request, this information may not have been available to record. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. Third, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Finally, there are also shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day-to-day demand for their services and it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.
- (d) Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.
- (e) Until 2004-05, this measure compared the proportion of people from these two groups who could not be accommodated with their representation among all SAAP clients (including accommodated and not accommodated). Data from 2005-06 onwards provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, and therefore are not comparable with earlier data.
- (f) Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2184.
- (g) Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2033.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Table 15A.191 Proportion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>Source:</i>	SAAP NDCA <i>Client Collection</i> (unpublished); AIHW (2004), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), <i>Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection, SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 151, Canberra; AIHW (2007), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 169, Canberra; AIHW (2008), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; AIHW (2009), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2007-08: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 211, Canberra.									

Table 15A.192

Table 15A.192 **Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, all clients (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04 (e)										
Support plan	%	60.3	44.6	58.7	48.0	70.7	67.5	83.0	65.9	53.8
No support plan	%	20.1	38.3	19.4	31.1	10.6	16.0	4.3	12.8	27.6
Support plan not appropriate	%	19.6	17.1	21.9	20.9	18.7	16.5	12.8	21.3	18.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	28 600	60 700	18 000	12 400	8 400	5 800	2 800	4 000	140 700
2004-05 (f)										
Support plan	%	60.2	50.8	52.9	46.7	65.1	69.3	74.7	78.2	55.8
No support plan	%	19.4	29.0	28.1	32.0	11.7	17.4	5.8	10.2	24.3
Support plan not appropriate	%	20.4	20.2	19.0	21.3	23.1	13.3	19.6	11.6	19.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	32 900	57 600	23 500	12 900	12 400	5 600	2 200	4 400	151 500
2005-06 (g)										
Support plan	%	55.5	63.2	51.5	48.5	66.9	63.1	66.0	68.6	59.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	8.7	10.2	9.2	13.8	6.0	7.8	4.3	5.8	9.3
Support period too short	%	31.8	24.4	37.1	37.1	25.9	27.2	29.5	24.8	29.2
Other	%	4.0	2.2	2.3	0.6	1.2	1.9	0.3	0.8	2.3
Total	%	96.0	98.0	98.0	99.0	99.0	98.0	100.0	99.0	98.0
Total	no.	30 300	54 100	20 100	10 200	11 300	4 900	2 200	3 800	136 700
2006-07 (h)										
Support plan	%	56.7	51.2	55.7	49.9	64.7	60.4	68.2	66.3	55.1
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	9.1	9.7	11.2	16.5	9.4	11.2	8.4	7.5	10.2
Support period too short	%	31.7	37.8	31.5	32.5	25.4	25.7	22.6	26.1	33.2
Other	%	2.5	1.3	1.6	1.1	0.5	2.7	0.9	0.1	1.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	40 900	62 600	22 200	10 800	13 100	5 200	1 800	3 900	160 600
2007-08 (i)										
Support plan	%	61.6	57.2	60.4	47.6	69.7	56.1	70.1	60.1	59.5
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	8.3	5.2	8.0	13.9	6.0	14.0	12.2	8.3	7.6
Support period too short	%	29.2	36.6	30.1	37.9	23.4	28.9	17.5	31.3	31.9

Table 15A.192 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, all clients (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other	%	0.8	0.9	1.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	48 500	58 500	25 300	12 500	15 000	5 100	1 800	3 300	169 900

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.
- (d) Data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 include analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Therefore data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are not comparable with earlier data. Some categories have also changed for 2005-06 and subsequent data.
- (e) Data exclude 25 663 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 21 656 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 21 862 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (h) Data exclude 17 313 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 17 085 support period (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.193

Table 15A.193 **Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04 (e)										
Support plan	%	59.4	55.4	60.9	42.4	70.3	71.5	82.4	67.7	57.7
No support plan	%	17.4	23.6	20.8	36.1	12.8	11.8	5.3	15.0	22.2
Support plan not appropriate	%	23.2	21.0	18.2	21.5	16.9	16.7	12.3	17.3	20.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 300	2 200	5 200	5 300	1 500	600	400	2 400	23 000
2004-05 (f)										
Support plan	%	62.7	57.0	59.5	39.5	65.7	74.7	76.2	76.8	58.6
No support plan	%	16.3	21.5	22.6	38.4	12.2	12.0	5.1	11.7	21.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	21.0	21.4	18.0	22.1	22.1	13.3	18.7	11.5	19.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 800	2 500	5 000	5 400	2 400	500	300	2 700	24 500
2005-06 (g)										
Support plan	%	60.7	63.2	53.5	36.6	76.1	65.3	64.2	69.1	57.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	10.3	10.3	11.2	16.1	5.1	7.9	6.3	5.0	10.5
Support period too short	%	26.9	24.6	33.7	47.1	18.2	26.0	28.1	26.0	31.2
Other	%	2.1	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	–	1.2
Total	%	100.0	98.0	98.0	100.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	100.0	99.0
Total	no.	5 200	2 500	4 100	4 700	2 400	500	200	2 400	22 100
2006-07 (h)										
Support plan	%	60.5	58.8	53.7	40.1	72.0	63.2	66.3	64.4	57.0
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	8.3	6.5	16.6	19.6	6.8	5.7	9.3	7.2	11.4
Support period too short	%	30.4	32.9	29.3	39.2	20.8	28.6	23.5	28.4	30.8
Other	%	0.8	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.4	2.4	1.0	0.1	0.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	7 300	3 000	4 900	5 000	2 900	600	200	2 700	26 600
2007-08										
Support plan	%	65.8	56.4	57.5	37.3	73.0	59.2	67.5	54.2	58.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	10.3	8.6	11.6	16.5	4.4	7.0	13.3	9.6	10.6
Support period too short	%	23.2	33.9	30.3	45.6	22.0	32.9	18.7	36.0	30.6
Other	%	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.6

Table 15A.193 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)

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

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (d) Data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 include analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Therefore data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are not comparable with earlier data. Some categories have also changed for 2005-06 and subsequent data.
- (e) Data exclude 3 499 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 3 129 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 2 523 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (h) Data exclude 3 387 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 3339 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.194

Table 15A.194 **Support needs of all clients, met and unmet (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04										
Provided only	%	86.7	70.7	86.0	90.4	81.1	86.2	69.6	87.1	81.2
Referred only	%	4.1	10.8	4.2	2.6	7.0	5.8	5.0	3.8	6.2
Provided & referred	%	6.5	13.9	5.5	4.7	6.5	4.8	18.4	6.3	8.7
Unmet	%	2.6	4.6	4.4	2.3	5.5	3.3	7.0	2.8	3.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	264.6	265.1	149.3	69.8	76.3	25.3	29.1	35.3	914.7
2004-05										
Provided only	%	85.4	72.3	85.2	88.9	83.1	85.9	67.9	83.1	80.9
Referred only	%	4.9	9.2	4.7	2.6	7.0	5.0	5.6	6.2	6.3
Provided & referred	%	7.0	14.5	6.1	5.5	6.8	6.3	21.3	9.6	9.4
Unmet	%	2.7	4.1	3.9	3.0	3.2	2.8	5.2	1.1	3.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	216.8	263.9	142.7	73.5	80.6	25.9	18.6	33.8	855.8
2005-06										
Provided only	%	84.1	76.0	86.2	89.1	79.9	82.6	71.8	79.8	81.3
Referred only	%	5.7	9.6	4.8	4.6	7.7	6.8	8.6	7.7	7.1
Provided & referred	%	6.5	9.0	4.7	3.1	6.8	6.1	15.5	10.1	7.1
Unmet	%	3.7	5.4	4.3	3.1	5.6	4.5	4.0	2.4	4.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	218.9	287.4	133.2	68.9	77.9	26.7	18.1	27.9	858.9
2006-07										
Provided only	%	80.3	80.6	83.9	89.2	83.1	82.6	71.7	81.1	81.8
Referred only	%	6.7	7.4	4.8	3.2	5.8	4.9	7.5	3.5	6.2
Provided & referred	%	8.2	7.9	6.6	5.4	6.9	7.5	17.0	13.6	7.8
Unmet	%	4.9	4.1	4.7	2.3	4.1	5.0	3.8	1.8	4.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	267.0	307.0	138.0	73.6	88.8	27.4	16.2	29.9	947.9
2007-08 (d)										
Provided only	%	83.3	79.6	82.4	88.9	77.5	84.3	65.2	89.2	81.9
Referred only	%	5.0	7.3	5.8	3.6	7.0	5.0	7.0	3.7	5.9
Provided & referred	%	8.8	8.6	7.3	5.4	8.5	6.6	25.1	5.0	8.3
Unmet	%	2.9	4.5	4.4	2.1	7.0	4.2	2.7	2.1	3.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	303.5	268.5	152.8	79.4	95.6	25.7	15.1	23.2	963.8

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

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

(c) Proportions are of distinct services needed.

(d) Data exclude 5945 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.195

Table 15A.195 **Support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04										
Provided only	%	84.3	72.3	84.7	91.7	81.4	84.9	73.6	86.9	84.7
Referred only	%	4.9	10.2	4.4	2.1	6.0	6.2	5.4	3.2	4.6
Provided & referred	%	7.9	12.6	4.8	3.4	7.3	4.2	11.5	8.1	6.8
Unmet	%	2.9	4.9	6.1	2.7	5.3	4.7	9.5	1.8	4.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	45.8	12.7	38.4	28.9	12.5	2.8	3.5	23.9	168.5
2004-05										
Provided only	%	82.2	73.4	86.6	88.5	82.4	85.1	70.4	81.1	83.3
Referred only	%	5.5	8.1	3.8	2.3	7.2	5.3	6.1	6.9	5.1
Provided & referred	%	9.0	13.6	5.3	5.3	7.6	7.6	19.0	11.3	8.3
Unmet	%	3.3	4.9	4.3	3.9	2.9	1.9	4.4	0.8	3.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	40.1	13.3	31.4	30.9	14.1	2.8	2.3	24.1	158.9
2005-06										
Provided only	%	81.8	72.0	86.5	90.2	75.6	82.8	72.8	77.8	82.1
Referred only	%	6.5	9.5	3.8	3.1	8.5	6.2	10.3	8.6	6.2
Provided & referred	%	7.2	11.3	5.9	2.9	9.6	7.5	12.5	11.8	7.5
Unmet	%	4.4	7.2	3.8	3.7	6.3	3.5	4.3	1.8	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	39.4	16.7	28.4	29.4	14.0	2.8	1.8	19.9	152.6
2006-07										
Provided only	%	77.6	75.0	85.3	91.1	82.6	82.0	76.0	79.1	81.8
Referred only	%	6.7	9.9	4.4	2.4	5.1	4.8	5.4	3.2	5.2
Provided & referred	%	10.6	8.2	6.4	4.4	8.8	8.1	13.9	16.2	9.0
Unmet	%	5.1	7.0	3.9	2.0	3.5	5.1	4.7	1.4	3.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	50.6	18.6	30.6	31.3	17.1	3.4	2.1	22.1	175.9
2007-08										
Provided only	%	79.2	71.1	83.2	92.1	74.6	82.4	63.0	89.4	81.6
Referred only	%	5.0	11.1	4.5	2.6	6.1	4.9	7.2	2.8	5.1
Provided & referred	%	11.8	9.7	8.7	3.7	13.3	6.6	26.1	5.4	9.3
Unmet	%	3.9	8.1	3.6	1.6	6.0	6.0	3.8	2.4	4.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	58.0	18.5	32.6	30.6	18.7	3.2	2.2	17.1	180.9

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

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

(c) Proportions are of distinct services needed.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.196 **Support needs of clients from non-English speaking backgrounds, met and unmet (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04										
Provided only	%	79.9	69.6	83.9	85.9	81.3	82.8	63.6	87.2	75.7
Referred only	%	4.8	11.9	5.3	5.1	8.9	5.4	4.7	5.8	8.4
Provided & referred	%	11.8	14.6	8.5	7.2	6.9	8.7	26.2	3.4	12.5
Unmet	%	3.4	3.9	2.3	1.8	2.8	3.1	5.5	3.6	3.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	22.6	39.9	8.8	5.8	5.1	0.9	2.9	1.2	87.2
2004-05										
Provided only	%	78.6	72.6	84.7	89.3	82.3	83.9	58.9	88.7	77.2
Referred only	%	5.6	9.9	4.2	4.0	7.4	6.6	6.5	6.3	7.5
Provided & referred	%	13.1	14.3	8.8	5.4	8.8	7.6	30.5	3.8	12.6
Unmet	%	2.6	3.3	2.3	1.4	1.5	2.0	4.1	1.1	2.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	21.5	40.2	8.3	6.5	5.2	1.1	1.8	1.0	85.7
2005-06										
Provided only	%	78.7	76.1	83.1	87.2	80.3	81.7	61.9	87.1	78.2
Referred only	%	7.3	10.2	8.7	6.5	10.6	6.8	10.0	6.2	9.0
Provided & referred	%	10.8	9.4	5.3	5.0	6.1	6.8	25.9	4.3	9.2
Unmet	%	3.2	4.4	2.9	1.3	2.9	4.7	2.2	2.4	3.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	22.8	42.7	8.8	5.4	5.5	1.1	2.3	0.6	89.2
2006-07										
Provided only	%	80.5	76.7	81.7	86.5	81.3	83.8	64.0	86.6	79.0
Referred only	%	6.8	9.3	6.5	5.0	8.5	6.0	8.9	3.0	8.0
Provided & referred	%	8.5	10.1	9.0	6.6	7.4	6.3	23.3	6.1	9.4
Unmet	%	4.2	3.8	2.8	1.9	2.7	3.9	3.9	4.3	3.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	28.1	46.9	9.0	6.3	6.3	1.5	2.1	0.7	100.7
2007-08										
Provided only	%	83.3	76.8	80.4	84.9	78.8	82.7	55.5	91.8	79.6
Referred only	%	6.3	8.3	6.2	4.4	9.4	5.3	7.6	4.2	7.2
Provided & referred	%	8.3	11.1	10.4	9.6	7.9	7.0	35.5	2.6	10.2
Unmet	%	2.0	3.9	3.0	1.1	3.9	4.9	1.4	1.5	3.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	33.1	42.9	10.2	7.4	7.0	1.2	2.0	0.6	104.5

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

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

(c) Proportions are of distinct services needed.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.197

Table 15A.197 Valid unmet requests for SAAP accommodation, main reason for support not provided, Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

Main reason support not provided	Unit	Proportion of valid unmet requests						
		Dec 2003 & May 2004	Dec 2004 & May 2005	Dec 2005 & May 2006	Aug 2006 & May 2007	Dec 2007 & May 2008		
Insufficient staff	%	1.8	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.3		
No accommodation available	%	65.6	63.6	59.2	59.7	59.0		
Age of male child	%	0.3	0.3	na	..	-		
No fee-free accommodation available	%	1.2	1.5	na	..	-		
Referral agency with no vacancies on books	%	20.4	22.2	21.2	21.8	24.0		
Type of accommodation requested is not provided	%	..	..	7.5	6.8	7.8	
Facilities for special needs not available								
Total	%	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9		
Other	%	9.7	10.1	9.7	8.6	7.0		
Total	%	100.0	100.0	93.0	100.0	100.0		
Total	no.	6 292	5 646	6 960	7 080	7 060		

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

(b) A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people who are not accepted as clients of SAAP agencies. In 2006-07, the collection was held between 2-8 August 2006 and 16-22 May 2007.

(c) Valid unmet requests' excludes those made at an agency of an inappropriate target group, where the person or group is determined to be inappropriate for the agency, where there is no fee-free accommodation available, or where proffered assistance is refused.

(d) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of unmet requests, for several reasons. Firstly, person(s) can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. Secondly, a number of the people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. Thirdly, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day-to-day demand for their services therefore it is not possible to identify a two-week period, which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

(e) Comparisons between years should be treated with caution, due to variation in participation rates, differing imputation methods and because the collections were held on different dates each year.

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Table 15A.197 Valid unmet requests for SAAP accommodation, main reason for support not provided, Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

<i>Main reason support not provided</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of valid unmet requests</i>					
		<i>Dec 2003 & May 2004</i>	<i>Dec 2004 & May 2005</i>	<i>Dec 2005 & May 2006</i>	<i>Aug 2006 & May 2007</i>	<i>Dec 2007 & May 2008</i>	

(f) Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client and Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in SAAP agencies.
 .. Not applicable.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.198 Recurrent cost per completed support period (2007-08 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<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>
Recurrent allocation										
2003-04	\$m	125.5	93.6	55.7	34.5	31.3	13.8	15.9	9.0	379.4
2004-05	\$m	122.6	86.3	54.4	33.1	29.6	14.2	16.9	8.7	365.9
2005-06	\$m	120.6	86.1	57.5	32.1	28.8	14.4	15.9	8.5	364.0
2006-07	\$m	119.2	92.8	66.0	35.0	33.1	14.6	14.5	8.2	383.4
2007-08	\$m	118.1	90.5	67.1	36.8	33.5	14.9	14.4	8.6	383.9
Closed support periods										
2003-04	no.	43 100	61 200	26 000	12 400	12 600	5 700	2 600	4 600	168 200
2004-05	no.	35 800	55 800	23 800	13 300	13 400	5 600	1 900	4 300	153 900
2005-06	no.	34 600	65 000	22 300	11 500	13 500	5 300	2 300	4 000	158 600
2006-07	no.	44 700	68 300	24 300	12 500	16 300	5 600	2 000	4 300	177 900
2007-08	no.	52 000	63 100	27 700	15 500	17 800	5 500	1 900	3 600	187 000
Cost per completed support period										
2003-04	\$	2 910	1 530	2 140	2 780	2 490	2 430	6 120	1 960	2 260
2004-05	\$	3 430	1 550	2 290	2 490	2 210	2 540	8 880	2 030	2 380
2005-06	\$	3 490	1 320	2 580	2 790	2 140	2 720	6 910	2 130	2 300
2006-07	\$	2 670	1 360	2 720	2 800	2 030	2 600	7 270	1 900	2 150
2007-08	\$	2 270	1 430	2 420	2 370	1 880	2 710	7 590	2 390	2 050

- (a) Only agency level recurrent allocations are included in the funding analysis.
- (b) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (c) A small number of SAAP agencies received recurrent funding but did not submit any client forms to the NDCA.
- (d) Support period figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation. Therefore, recurrent allocation values pertain to all SAAP (participating and non-participating) agencies.
- (e) Recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2007-08 = 100).
- (f) Data for 2006-07 includes Innovation and Investment funding.
- (g) Data have been rounded.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); table AA.26.

Table 15A.199 Recurrent cost per client accessing services (2007-08 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)

	<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>
Recurrent allocation										
2003-04	\$m	125.5	93.6	55.7	34.5	31.3	13.8	15.9	9.0	379.4
2004-05	\$m	122.6	86.3	54.4	33.1	29.6	14.2	16.9	8.7	365.9
2005-06	\$m	120.6	86.1	57.5	32.1	28.8	14.4	15.9	8.5	364.0
2006-07	\$m	119.2	92.8	66.0	35.0	33.1	14.6	14.5	8.2	383.4
2007-08	\$m	118.1	90.5	67.1	36.8	33.5	14.9	14.4	8.6	383.9
Reported number of clients										
2003-04	no.	23 800	33 700	17 000	8 000	9 000	4 300	1 400	3 000	100 200
2004-05	no.	23 000	34 900	16 600	8 500	8 900	4 300	1 400	2 800	100 400
2005-06	no.	26 000	37 700	17 400	8 300	10 400	4 400	2 000	3 100	106 500
2006-07	no.	31 900	37 900	19 000	11 100	12 200	4 700	1 900	3 200	118 800
2007-08	no.	37 700	36 600	20 400	10 900	13 000	4 700	2 000	3 100	125 600
Estimated cost per client										
2003-04	\$	5 270	2 780	3 280	4 310	3 480	3 220	11 370	3 000	3 790
2004-05	\$	5 330	2 470	3 280	3 900	3 330	3 310	12 050	3 110	3 640
2005-06	\$	4 640	2 280	3 310	3 870	2 770	3 270	7 950	2 750	3 420
2006-07	\$	3 740	2 450	3 480	3 150	2 710	3 100	7 650	2 560	3 230
2007-08	\$	3 130	2 470	3 290	3 380	2 570	3 180	7 210	2 780	3 060

- (a) Ongoing clients (not ended by 30 June) were included in the data.
- (b) Only agency level recurrent allocations are included in the funding analysis.
- (c) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (d) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the data.
- (e) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent. Therefore, the funding values pertain to all SAAP (participating and non-participating) agencies.
- (f) State or Territory client numbers refer to the State or Territory in which they were first supported, as some clients were supported in more than one State or Territory during a year. Since a client may have support periods in more than one state or territory, state and territory figures do not sum to the national figure.
- (g) Data for 2006-07 includes Innovation and Investment (I&I) funding.
- (h) Recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2007-08 = 100).
- (i) Data have been rounded.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); table AA.26

Table 15A.200

**Table 15A.200 Real recurrent cost per day of support for clients (2007-08 dollars)
(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
Recurrent allocation										
2003-04	\$m	125.5	93.6	55.7	34.5	31.3	13.8	15.9	9.0	379.4
2004-05	\$m	122.6	86.3	54.4	33.1	29.6	14.2	16.9	8.7	365.9
2005-06	\$m	120.6	86.1	57.5	32.1	28.8	14.4	15.9	8.5	364.0
2006-07	\$m	119.2	92.8	66.0	35.0	33.1	14.6	14.5	8.2	383.4
2007-08	\$m	118.1	90.5	67.1	36.8	33.5	14.9	14.4	8.6	383.9
Number of support days										
2003-04	'000	1 843	2 632	943	385	806	377	204	146	7 337
2004-05	'000	1 898	2 971	1 081	572	845	462	171	135	8 133
2005-06	'000	2 376	2 789	1 091	508	931	365	205	140	8 405
2006-07	'000	2 951	3 097	1 367	1 356	1 232	433	219	182	10 837
2007-08	'000	4 343	3 021	1 579	994	1 544	480	345	216	12 523
Cost per support day										
2003-04	\$	68	36	59	90	39	37	78	62	52
2004-05	\$	65	29	50	58	35	31	99	65	45
2005-06	\$	51	31	53	63	31	39	78	61	43
2006-07	\$	40	30	48	26	27	34	66	45	35
2007-08	\$	27	30	42	37	22	31	42	40	31

- (a) Clients whose support period was ongoing on 30 June were included.
- (b) Only agency level recurrent allocations are included in the funding analysis.
- (c) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (d) A small number of SAAP agencies received recurrent funding but did not submit any client forms to the NDCA.
- (e) Support period figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation. Therefore, recurrent allocation values pertain to all SAAP (participating and non-participating) agencies.
- (f) Data for 2006-07 includes Innovation and Investment (I&I) funding.
- (g) Recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2007-08 = 100).

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); table AA.26.

Table 15A.201

Table 15A.201 Average accommodation load and caseload per day (a), (b), (c)

	<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>
Average accommodation load per day									
2003-04	7.2	8.0	7.6	6.3	12.0	6.1	6.7	5.5	7.6
2004-05	7.1	8.9	8.6	6.7	11.7	7.7	5.8	6.6	8.1
2005-06	7.4	8.6	8.2	6.9	11.4	8.8	6.7	6.7	8.1
2006-07	8.3	8.0	8.3	6.5	12.7	8.0	9.3	6.9	8.3
2007-08	9.0	6.3	8.5	6.0	11.9	8.4	9.0	5.6	7.9
Average caseload per day									
2003-04	13.1	20.6	13.3	9.7	29.0	29.6	13.0	12.5	16.5
2004-05	13.9	23.4	15.3	14.7	30.5	37.3	11.4	11.6	18.5
2005-06	14.6	20.2	13.6	11.6	31.3	31.4	13.4	11.8	17.2
2006-07	18.5	18.7	16.5	11.9	29.6	30.4	19.9	14.5	18.7
2007-08	24.4	17.7	18.5	16.7	33.5	30.3	20.8	12.6	21.1

- (a) The accommodation load of agencies was calculated by dividing the number of accommodation days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of accommodation days equals the sum of accommodation days for all clients of an agency who were supported during the reporting period. The average accommodation load was the mean value of all agencies' accommodation loads. Support periods without valid accommodation dates were assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of accommodation for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.
- (b) The caseload of agencies was calculated by dividing the number of support days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of support days equals the sum of support days for all clients of the agency who were supported during the reporting period. The average caseload was the mean value of all agencies caseloads. Support periods without valid support dates were assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of support for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.
- (c) Figures were unweighted and have not been adjusted for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.202

Table 15A.202 **Closed support periods in which clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2006-07										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (d), (e)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	2.1	3.5	2.2	4.8	4.8	1.6	1.2	0.2	2.9
Private rental	%	33.1	29.9	38.4	26.7	21.7	23.6	17.0	16.4	30.3
Public housing rental	%	8.0	8.8	3.9	15.4	11.3	7.5	14.9	17.2	8.6
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.0	3.3	16.7	2.4
Rent free accommodation	%	6.1	8.9	7.4	6.0	9.5	5.4	12.7	13.6	7.8
Boarding	%	18.0	19.2	16.6	21.6	22.0	19.1	16.3	20.0	18.7
Total	%	69.4	72.5	70.6	76.8	71.6	58.2	65.4	84.1	70.7
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	11.0	11.1	9.9	9.0	4.7	21.0	14.7	5.3	10.9
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	2.3	3.9	1.7	2.2	1.5	2.5	4.0	1.8	2.8
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.7	2.3	1.4	1.4	4.3	1.1	2.1	1.0	2.0
Institutional setting	%	5.0	2.1	2.2	3.6	5.7	3.3	6.1	2.8	3.4
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	6.7	6.1	11.6	5.7	10.5	10.9	7.2	4.1	7.6
Other (no tenure)	%	3.9	2.0	2.7	1.3	1.8	3.0	0.4	0.8	2.5
Total	%	30.6	27.5	29.5	23.2	28.5	41.8	34.5	15.8	29.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	10 200	13 700	5 100	1 700	2 500	1 800	1 000	600	36 700
Type of tenure immediately after support period (f), (g)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.4	1.8	1.4	3.2	3.1	1.5	0.5	0.2	1.7
Private rental	%	45.1	35.7	45.5	31.0	32.6	38.3	10.6	19.1	38.2
Public housing rental	%	13.2	19.0	8.0	23.1	22.3	26.3	36.8	27.8	17.4
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	5.6	4.8	8.8	3.2	5.6	2.7	8.8	15.9	5.7
Rent free accommodation	%	3.8	4.8	4.5	3.2	6.7	2.8	8.7	11.2	4.7
Boarding	%	13.7	14.1	13.8	22.4	14.9	12.6	10.8	16.2	14.2
Total	%	82.8	80.2	82.0	86.1	85.2	84.2	76.2	90.4	81.9
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	5.2	7.4	6.1	5.2	3.8	6.4	7.7	1.0	6.2

Table 15A.202

Table 15A.202 **Closed support periods in which clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	4.7	6.5	4.6	3.7	6.2	3.0	9.2	4.8	5.5
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.2	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.6	2.0	1.4	1.7
Institutional setting	%	3.0	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.8	0.7	1.8
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.5	1.8	2.9	1.1	1.2	3.5	1.9	1.4	1.9
Other (no tenure)	%	1.6	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.2	1.0
Total	%	17.2	19.8	18.0	14.1	14.7	15.9	23.9	9.5	18.1
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	8 100	12 300	3 800	1 300	2 000	1 400	900	500	30 400
2007-08										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (h), (i)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased	%	2.7	3.4	2.2	3.8	4.1	1.6	1.7	1.3	2.9
Private rental	%	31.8	30.1	42.3	36.8	22.5	24.2	14.4	13.6	31.4
Public housing rental	%	8.2	8.2	4.9	12.6	15.7	10.1	18.0	12.4	8.9
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	2.2	2.3	2.7	1.8	2.7	0.3	2.2	7.1	2.3
Rent free accommodation	%	7.6	8.8	6.0	5.3	8.0	6.3	14.0	14.0	7.8
Boarding	%	16.8	20.1	15.0	15.7	21.1	19.9	18.6	28.5	18.1
Total	%	69.3	72.9	73.1	76.0	74.1	62.4	68.9	76.9	71.4
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	9.9	10.0	7.6	9.4	4.4	20.2	14.8	4.8	9.7
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	2.4	4.4	2.1	1.9	1.6	2.2	5.6	1.9	2.9
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.5	2.5	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.5	0.8	1.6	1.8
Institutional setting	%	5.3	2.8	1.9	2.1	7.8	4.3	4.6	1.8	3.9
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	8.0	5.3	11.7	8.5	8.7	7.3	5.2	7.8	7.7
Other (no tenure)	%	3.6	2.0	2.0	0.8	1.3	2.1	na	5.0	2.3
Total	%	30.7	27.0	26.9	24.0	25.9	37.6	31.0	22.9	28.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	12 100	11 900	6 100	2 000	3 200	1 900	900	400	38 500
Type of tenure immediately after support period (j), (k)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	2.1	1.8	1.2	2.7	2.2	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.8
Private rental	%	43.4	36.5	47.8	42.4	36.8	35.4	12.0	21.4	39.7
Public housing rental	%	13.5	18.0	9.3	22.0	23.9	26.3	40.3	24.6	17.1

Table 15A.202

Table 15A.202 **Closed support periods in which clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	5.7	4.9	7.2	3.2	6.4	1.8	6.5	6.0	5.5
Rent free accommodation	%	4.4	5.3	3.1	3.6	4.3	2.0	7.0	9.3	4.5
Boarding	%	13.4	14.8	13.9	12.9	11.9	16.0	11.1	23.9	14.0
Total	%	82.5	81.3	82.5	86.8	85.5	82.4	77.5	85.9	82.6
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	4.9	7.4	5.6	4.8	2.4	6.9	9.7	2.8	5.8
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	5.2	5.4	4.2	4.0	4.6	4.6	9.2	4.4	5.1
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.6	2.3	2.0	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.1	1.1	1.7
Institutional setting	%	2.3	1.3	1.6	1.3	4.4	3.0	2.0	1.8	2.0
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.9	1.5	3.0	1.8	1.4	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.9
Other (no tenure)	%	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.6	–	2.7	1.0
Total	%	17.4	18.7	17.5	13.1	14.6	17.4	22.4	14.1	17.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	9 200	10 500	4 800	1 600	2 500	1 500	800	300	31 200

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

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

(c) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(d) Data exclude 340 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(e) Data exclude 2618 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

(f) Data exclude 478 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(g) Data exclude 8832 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

(h) Data exclude 457 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(i) Data exclude 3145 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

(j) Data exclude 603 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(k) Data exclude 10284 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.203

Table 15A.203 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2006-07										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (d), (e)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.0	0.3	1.1	1.5	1.0	2.2	–	0.3	0.9
Private rental	%	27.5	18.6	29.6	14.6	13.5	22.4	9.4	10.2	22.2
Public housing rental	%	13.0	18.5	10.0	29.9	22.0	10.1	16.2	21.3	16.4
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	2.7	2.6	4.1	4.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	24.9	4.6
Rent free accommodation	%	6.1	10.6	8.9	5.3	5.5	6.7	14.3	16.5	8.2
Boarding	%	25.3	22.7	17.9	28.1	25.0	16.4	10.0	14.6	22.6
Total	%	75.6	73.3	71.6	83.5	68.6	59.4	51.0	87.8	74.9
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	8.3	9.9	7.9	4.6	4.8	16.2	24.7	3.2	8.1
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.3	3.9	2.5	1.2	1.0	1.8	3.8	1.8	2.0
Other SAAP/CAP	%	2.0	2.6	1.3	1.4	3.0	1.9	4.5	0.9	2.0
Institutional setting	%	3.4	2.9	1.4	2.9	8.1	1.2	6.3	2.0	3.1
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	6.0	5.0	12.6	5.3	11.2	14.4	8.7	4.1	7.4
Other (no tenure)	%	3.4	2.4	2.9	1.2	3.3	5.1	1.1	0.3	2.7
Total	%	24.4	26.7	28.6	16.6	31.4	40.6	49.1	12.3	25.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	2 100	900	900	600	400	200	100	400	5 600
Type of tenure immediately after support period (f) (g)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.9	2.9	–	0.4	0.6
Private rental	%	39.5	20.3	40.4	14.7	15.1	32.0	9.2	11.5	29.4
Public housing rental	%	18.0	34.3	17.4	36.4	39.3	27.2	33.8	30.7	25.5
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	5.9	3.2	10.5	4.2	5.9	0.8	4.7	24.4	7.1
Rent free accommodation	%	3.6	5.3	2.6	3.2	1.8	2.7	12.9	13.2	4.4
Boarding	%	17.6	17.1	13.4	29.4	13.8	13.9	6.8	10.5	16.9
Total	%	85.0	80.9	84.7	89.0	76.8	79.5	67.4	90.7	83.9
Non-Independent housing										

Table 15A.203

Table 15A.203 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	4.6	9.0	4.3	3.6	7.3	4.7	17.3	1.2	5.4
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	3.3	5.1	4.2	2.0	7.8	4.5	9.6	3.4	4.1
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.1	1.6
Institutional setting	%	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.7	3.3	1.7	2.7	1.1	1.7
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.0	1.9	2.5	1.2	1.4	5.8	1.3	2.2	1.7
Other (no tenure)	%	2.2	0.5	1.7	1.1	2.4	3.1	–	0.4	1.6
Total	%	15.1	19.2	15.2	11.0	23.1	20.6	32.6	9.4	16.1
Total	%	100.0								
Total	no.	1 700	800	700	400	300	100	100	300	4 400

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Type of tenure immediately before support period (h), (i)

Independent housing

Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.3	–	0.5	0.9
Private rental	%	25.1	14.8	29.6	15.3	10.4	17.2	11.0	7.3	21.0
Public housing rental	%	16.2	24.5	13.3	34.8	19.5	14.6	18.7	15.3	18.7
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	3.7	3.3	4.8	3.9	5.0	–	1.0	11.5	4.1
Rent free accommodation	%	7.0	5.8	6.8	5.0	8.1	5.9	16.8	14.3	7.2
Boarding	%	24.7	28.0	20.3	17.9	30.3	24.2	14.8	29.2	24.3
Total	%	77.9	77.2	75.4	78.1	74.1	63.2	62.3	78.1	76.2

Non-independent housing

SAAP/CAP crisis	%	7.6	10.3	6.0	7.2	3.9	20.3	16.6	3.9	7.8
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.2	3.0	2.8	2.0	2.1	–	5.4	1.3	2.0
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.3	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.8	0.8	2.4	1.7	1.4
Institutional setting	%	4.0	1.5	1.7	1.9	8.6	5.2	4.5	2.1	3.4
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	5.3	4.2	10.4	8.6	8.8	5.9	8.7	7.1	6.8
Other (no tenure)	%	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.4	0.7	4.6	–	5.8	2.3
Total	%	22.0	22.8	24.4	22.0	25.9	36.8	37.6	21.9	23.7

Total % **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0****Total** no. **2 400** **1 000** **1 100** **500** **500** **200** **100** **300** **6 100**

Type of tenure immediately after support period (j), (k)

Independent housing

Table 15A.203 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)

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

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (c) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.
- (d) Data exclude 71 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (e) Data exclude 456 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (f) Data exclude 94 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 1570 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.
- (h) Data exclude 172 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 514 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (j) Data exclude 197 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (k) Data exclude 1848 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.204 Closed support periods: Labour force status of clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2006-07										
Labour force status of clients before SAAP support (d), (e)										
Employed full time	%	2.9	2.4	3.7	4.8	1.9	1.2	4.6	2.7	2.9
Employed part time	%	6.8	6.6	8.3	10.5	6.9	5.0	11.8	10.3	7.4
Unemployed	%	33.8	39.9	43.7	38.3	38.1	46.8	27.5	41.7	38.0
Not in labour force	%	56.5	51.1	44.3	46.4	53.1	47.0	56.0	45.3	51.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	3 100	3 200	1 300	600	600	200	300	100	9 500
Labour force status of clients after SAAP support (f), (g)										
Employed full time	%	8.7	6.2	10.7	12.1	3.5	5.7	11.6	6.9	8.0
Employed part time	%	15.0	11.9	14.7	19.1	9.2	15.8	17.7	16.3	13.9
Unemployed	%	28.8	35.8	36.8	27.1	37.5	35.5	17.7	37.8	32.5
Not in labour force	%	47.5	46.1	37.8	41.6	49.8	42.9	53.0	39.0	45.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	2 800	3 000	1 100	600	500	200	300	100	8 600
2007-08										
Labour force status of clients before SAAP support (h), (i)										
Employed full time	%	3.8	1.4	3.3	4.2	2.5	–	6.0	4.4	3.0
Employed part time	%	7.8	6.9	8.7	10.4	8.2	7.4	5.5	4.5	7.8
Unemployed	%	28.9	35.8	43.3	33.1	29.7	41.5	25.3	46.6	33.7
Not in labour force	%	59.6	55.8	44.7	52.3	59.7	51.1	63.2	44.5	55.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	3 600	2 900	1 500	700	800	200	300	100	10 000
Labour force status of clients after SAAP support (j), (k)										
Employed full time	%	9.9	6.3	10.1	12.2	2.8	3.3	7.4	16.1	8.4
Employed part time	%	13.9	12.7	14.2	15.2	14.3	14.6	9.5	14.2	13.6
Unemployed	%	25.5	32.1	35.7	30.1	30.8	35.3	19.5	41.2	29.8
Not in labour force	%	50.7	48.9	40.1	42.4	52.1	46.8	63.6	28.5	48.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	3 300	2 700	1 300	600	600	200	200	100	9 000

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

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

(c) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(d) Data exclude 66 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(e) Data exclude 167 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

(f) Data exclude 126 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(g) Data exclude 1040 closed support periods due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

Table 15A.204 Closed support periods: Labour force status of clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(h) Data exclude 46 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(i) Data exclude 127 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

(j) Data exclude 89 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(k) Data exclude 1049 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

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

Table 15A.205 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2006-07										
Before SAAP Support (c), (d)										
Employed full time	%	2.3	2.0	2.1	8.0	1.4	–	5.9	–	2.7
Employed part time	%	3.4	2.1	5.2	8.8	4.8	–	8.2	6.5	4.3
Unemployed	%	29.0	38.5	43.9	28.8	41.5	44.5	25.6	36.7	34.1
Not in labour force	%	65.3	57.4	48.8	54.4	52.3	55.5	60.3	56.9	59.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	200	200	100	100	–	–	100	1 400
After SAAP Support (e), (f)										
Employed full time	%	5.0	5.1	9.9	10.8	5.5	16.0	20.3	–	6.7
Employed part time	%	9.1	6.0	9.9	14.4	3.8	6.7	9.3	13.2	9.0
Unemployed	%	28.0	37.0	38.5	25.4	35.9	30.7	18.1	30.6	31.0
Not in labour force	%	58.0	51.9	41.6	49.4	54.7	46.6	52.3	56.2	53.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	200	200	100	100	–	–	–	1 200
2007-08										
Before SAAP Support (g), (h)										
Employed full time	%	3.1	2.3	3.7	0.9	1.0	–	6.7	2.6	2.8
Employed part time	%	4.3	3.7	5.4	8.2	4.7	10.6	3.0	2.8	4.7
Unemployed	%	27.3	40.0	40.5	35.2	30.9	38.2	12.7	42.0	32.1
Not in labour force	%	65.3	54.0	50.5	55.8	63.4	51.2	77.6	52.7	60.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	800	200	200	100	100	–	–	–	1 600
After SAAP Support (i), (j)										
Employed full time	%	5.5	4.7	6.5	5.6	1.1	–	13.5	3.1	5.2
Employed part time	%	7.0	6.4	11.4	10.1	6.3	15.5	6.5	18.8	8.0
Unemployed	%	26.0	42.5	35.6	33.7	37.4	39.5	12.8	34.9	31.3
Not in labour force	%	61.5	46.3	46.5	50.5	55.2	45.0	67.2	43.1	55.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	700	200	200	100	100	–	–	–	1 500

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

(b) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

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

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.205 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(h) Data exclude 24 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.206

Table 15A.206 **SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.9	69.9	76.6	72.8	75.5	76.7	74.3	75.0	71.6
2	%	12.9	15.2	13.2	14.4	13.9	14.2	5.8	14.7	14.4
3	%	4.3	5.8	5.2	6.6	5.4	5.3	13.4	5.3	5.9
4	%	2.2	3.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.0	4.0	2.8	2.8
5	%	1.3	1.8	1.1	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.7
6+	%	3.4	4.3	1.9	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.2	3.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	25 000	34 900	17 900	8 400	9 700	4 500	1 700	3 200	100 200
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.1	72.0	77.9	73.5	70.6	77.5	78.3	75.4	71.9
2	%	14.1	16.4	12.6	14.9	17.0	14.5	13.9	15.9	15.6
3	%	4.6	5.3	4.6	5.8	6.0	4.4	4.4	4.7	5.6
4	%	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.8	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.7
5	%	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.5
6+	%	2.7	2.4	1.5	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.7	1.2	2.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	24 100	36 100	17 500	8 900	9 600	4 600	1 600	3 100	100 400
2005-06										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	79.5	71.2	79.6	75.9	74.9	76.4	78.7	79.1	74.9
2	%	11.0	14.7	11.8	14.0	14.4	15.1	13.2	13.9	13.4
3	%	4.6	5.5	4.8	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.0	3.7	5.3
4	%	1.8	3.1	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.5
5	%	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.2
6+	%	2.1	4.2	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.4	2.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	26 000	37 700	17 400	8 300	10 400	4 400	2 000	3 100	106 500
2006-07										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	74.3	70.0	77.2	76.7	72.0	76.3	79.2	75.2	72.8
2	%	14.4	15.2	14.5	14.3	14.8	14.6	14.3	14.8	14.8
3	%	5.2	5.7	4.7	5.0	6.3	5.2	4.4	5.6	5.5
4	%	2.2	2.4	1.7	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.2	2.1	2.3
5	%	1.3	2.2	0.9	0.9	1.5	0.9	0.5	1.3	1.5
6+	%	2.7	4.6	1.0	1.0	2.5	1.1	0.5	1.1	3.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	31 900	37 900	19 000	11 100	12 200	4 700	1 900	3 200	118 800

Table 15A.206

Table 15A.206 **SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	76.2	69.4	75.8	70.7	72.6	78.7	73.4	77.0	72.7
2	%	12.7	15.5	14.5	17.3	15.2	12.5	18.5	15.1	14.7
3	%	4.8	6.3	5.0	5.8	5.4	4.8	5.6	5.0	5.6
4	%	2.3	3.2	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.2	1.3	1.8	2.8
5	%	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.5
6+	%	2.6	3.8	1.5	2.1	2.3	1.0	0.6	0.6	2.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	37 700	36 600	20 400	10 900	13 000	4 700	2 000	3 100	125 600
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
2003-04	%	24.1	30.1	23.4	27.1	24.5	23.4	25.8	25.0	28.4
2004-05	%	24.8	28.0	22.1	26.6	29.4	22.4	21.8	24.6	28.1
2005-06	%	20.5	28.8	20.3	24.1	25.1	23.6	21.3	20.8	25.1
2006-07	%	25.8	30.1	22.8	23.3	28.0	23.6	20.9	24.9	27.1
2007-08	%	23.8	30.5	24.2	29.4	27.4	21.4	26.6	23.0	27.4

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory. Therefore, state and territory figures may not sum to the national figure.

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

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.207

Table 15A.207 Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2003-04										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	76.6	74.1	76.3	68.0	68.1	73.2	72.8	74.0	71.4
2	%	12.8	13.8	14.0	15.5	17.7	14.3	9.3	14.5	14.7
3	%	4.2	4.4	5.0	8.5	7.2	7.2	11.2	5.4	6.1
4	%	2.1	2.7	1.8	3.0	3.4	3.1	5.0	3.1	2.9
5	%	1.2	2.0	0.9	1.7	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6
6+	%	3.1	3.0	2.0	3.4	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.8	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 500	3 900	3 200	1 500	400	200	1 800	15 900
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	74.1	75.7	78.5	67.8	67.6	73.8	81.5	73.7	70.8
2	%	14.4	13.9	13.3	16.5	17.9	16.9	10.2	15.7	15.6
3	%	4.7	4.7	3.7	7.7	6.3	5.8	5.3	5.4	6.2
4	%	2.0	2.7	1.7	3.0	3.6	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8
5	%	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7
6+	%	3.0	2.0	1.7	3.1	2.7	1.1	–	1.6	2.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 000	1 600	3 700	3 300	1 600	400	200	1 800	15 900
2005-06										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	79.8	75.0	80.2	70.2	70.1	70.1	82.5	77.3	75.4
2	%	11.5	13.3	12.0	16.2	16.4	17.2	7.1	14.9	13.7
3	%	4.8	4.1	4.2	7.3	6.5	7.9	5.2	4.3	5.5
4	%	1.4	2.8	1.7	2.6	3.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3
5	%	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2
6+	%	1.6	3.6	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.9	0.4	2.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 300	1 900	3 700	3 200	1 900	400	200	1 900	17 100
2006-07										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.6	70.8	76.4	69.8	64.8	76.0	81.9	73.2	72.1
2	%	13.7	14.5	15.4	17.0	15.7	13.5	11.7	15.1	15.1
3	%	4.9	6.3	4.3	6.4	7.0	5.2	4.3	6.4	5.9
4	%	2.2	2.5	1.6	3.3	3.8	2.6	1.0	2.2	2.5
5	%	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.3	2.9	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.5
6+	%	2.5	4.3	1.1	2.1	5.7	2.0	–	1.5	2.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 600	2 100	4 200	3 600	2 300	500	200	2 100	20 100

Table 15A.207

Table 15A.207 **Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.9	71.0	76.7	62.2	68.9	75.5	73.4	74.1	71.6
2	%	13.6	15.0	13.6	21.7	16.1	13.9	18.1	16.4	15.8
3	%	4.6	5.8	4.9	6.6	5.6	6.7	5.2	5.4	5.5
4	%	2.1	2.9	2.1	4.1	3.3	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.8
5	%	1.2	1.8	0.9	2.0	2.2	0.5	1.4	0.7	1.4
6+	%	2.6	3.5	1.9	3.5	3.9	1.6	1.0	0.9	2.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	6 400	2 200	4 500	3 500	2 400	500	300	1 900	21 300
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
2003-04	%	23.4	25.9	23.7	32.1	31.9	26.8	27.1	26.1	28.5
2004-05	%	25.8	24.4	21.4	32.2	32.4	26.3	18.5	26.2	29.2
2005-06	%	20.3	25.0	19.7	29.7	29.9	30.0	17.4	22.8	24.7
2006-07	%	24.4	29.2	23.5	30.1	35.1	24.1	18.0	26.8	27.8
2007-08	%	24.1	29.0	23.4	37.9	31.1	24.6	26.6	25.9	28.4

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory. Therefore state and territory figures may not sum to the national figure.

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

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.208 Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<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>
Total clients (h), (i)										
2003-04	no.	23 800	33 700	17 000	8 000	9 000	4 300	1 400	3 000	100 200
2004-05	no.	23 000	34 900	16 600	8 500	8 900	4 300	1 400	2 800	100 400
2005-06	no.	26 000	37 700	17 400	8 300	10 400	4 400	2 000	3 100	106 500
2006-07	no.	31 900	37 900	19 000	11 100	12 200	4 700	1 900	3 200	118 800
2007-08	no.	37 700	36 600	20 400	10 900	13 000	4 700	2 000	3 100	125 600
Clients who provide information on accommodation on exit from support (j)										
2003-04	no.	12 600	24 100	7 700	5 000	3 600	2 300	1 000	1 900	58 200
2004-05	no.	13 100	25 300	9 000	5 200	4 800	2 200	900	1 900	62 500
2005-06	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2007-08	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Clients recorded as exiting to independent accommodation and not returning within six months (h)										
2003-04	no.	4 500	9 600	3 400	2 600	1 700	1 000	400	900	24 000
2004-05	no.	5 300	12 500	3 700	2 500	1 700	1 200	400	1 100	28 400
2005-06	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2007-08	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Clients who provide information on accommodation on exit from support as a proportion of total clients										
2003-04	%	52.9	71.5	45.3	62.5	40.0	53.5	71.4	63.3	58.1
2004-05	%	57.0	72.5	54.2	61.2	53.9	51.2	64.3	67.9	62.3
2005-06	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2007-08	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months										
2003-04	%	35.7	39.8	44.2	52.0	47.2	43.5	40.0	47.4	41.2
2004-05	%	40.5	49.4	41.1	48.1	35.4	54.5	44.4	57.9	45.4
2005-06	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2007-08	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (b) The definition of 'exiting to independent housing' includes 'not returning to SAAP within six months'.
- (c) Data exclude high volume records as not all items are included on high volume forms.
- (d) Caution should be applied when interpreting these figures. Consent and valid alpha codes are required for each support period for the clients; after support information is not commonly completed; and particular client groups (for example, women escaping domestic violence) may be under represented in this calculation because of a higher incidence of non-consent.
- (e) A client may receive two or more periods of support in the year. To minimise double counting of individual clients, only one record per client which has exit information has been included in the analysis.

Table 15A.208 Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(f)	SAAP agencies that had no completed support periods leaving to independent housing were included in the analysis.									
(g)	For 2004-05 data, State client numbers refer to the State in which they were first supported, as some clients were supported in more than one State. Ongoing clients at 1 July 2004 are included in the client data.									
(h)	For 2004-05 data, the reference period is 18 months because the six months to 30 June 2005 is not relevant to clients whose first support period ends on or after 1 July 2005. Therefore, in order to analyse a full year's data, calendar year 2004 becomes the reference period in which the client's initial support period ends and 2004-05 becomes the reference period for clients returning to SAAP services.									
(i)	State client numbers refer to the State in which they were first supported, as some clients were supported in more than one state during 2005-06.									
(j)	In 2004-05, clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 2004 and before 1 January 2005 were included in the analysis; 29 520 records were excluded due to errors and omissions.									

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.209

Table 15A.209 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of all clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Source of income before SAAP support										
2006-07 (c), (d)										
No income	%	21.6	18.4	17.5	14.6	16.9	18.4	26.5	19.2	19.0
Awaiting benefit	%	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.2	2.3	8.0	5.7	4.9	3.8
Government pension/allowance	%	67.9	69.5	69.9	73.6	73.7	67.8	56.8	71.3	69.5
Other	%	6.4	8.6	8.7	8.6	7.1	5.8	11.0	4.6	7.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 800	4 000	2 500	1 400	1 400	400	300	400	15 100
Source of income after SAAP support										
2006-07 (e), (f)										
No income	%	6.5	5.2	7.5	5.2	7.1	6.4	12.1	6.8	6.4
Awaiting benefit	%	3.0	2.9	3.2	2.8	1.5	4.5	7.2	4.1	3.0
Government pension/allowance	%	83.1	85.4	80.9	83.5	85.4	84.9	71.3	82.6	83.4
Other	%	7.3	6.4	8.5	8.5	5.9	4.3	9.5	6.4	7.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 500	3 700	2 300	1 300	1 200	300	300	400	14 000
Source of income before SAAP support										
2007-08 (g), (h)										
No income	%	18.0	15.5	18.3	13.9	17.4	18.8	26.2	18.0	17.1
No income, awaiting benefit	%	4.0	3.5	4.0	2.3	2.4	7.0	0.9	5.6	3.6
Government pension/benefit	%	71.5	74.4	69.2	73.9	72.5	69.6	52.8	66.9	71.8
Other	%	6.5	6.7	8.5	9.9	7.8	4.6	20.1	9.5	7.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 300	4 900	2 800	1 100	1 400	400	300	300	16 600
Source of income after SAAP support										
2007-08 (i), (j)										
No income	%	5.0	5.8	7.8	4.5	7.2	5.3	5.8	7.7	5.9
No income, awaiting benefit	%	2.5	2.7	3.3	2.5	1.8	4.1	3.2	3.5	2.7
Government pension/benefit	%	83.8	85.4	80.9	81.6	84.7	86.6	77.3	76.8	83.5
Other	%	8.7	6.0	8.0	11.3	6.3	3.9	13.6	12.0	7.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 000	4 700	2 600	1 100	1 300	300	200	300	15 500

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

Table 15A.209 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of all clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(b)	From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.									
(c)	176 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(d)	198 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(e)	317 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(f)	1141 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.									
(g)	146 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(h)	328 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(i)	225 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(j)	1321 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.210

Table 15A.210 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Source of income before SAAP support										
2006-07 (c), (d)										
No income	%	21.7	15.1	14.0	10.6	14.6	10.0	34.4	12.1	16.2
Awaiting benefit	%	2.5	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.2	8.3	14.3	3.6	2.3
Government pension/benefit	%	73.0	81.5	78.3	83.2	81.2	74.6	48.5	83.0	78.0
Other	%	2.8	2.4	6.1	4.6	3.1	7.0	2.9	1.2	3.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	900	300	400	400	200	-	-	300	2 600
Source of income after SAAP support										
2006-07 (e), (f)										
No income	%	5.7	2.5	5.9	4.0	7.0	-	19.5	4.0	5.1
Awaiting benefit	%	3.9	1.4	2.6	1.6	0.7	12.6	12.5	4.0	3.0
Government pension/benefit	%	86.7	93.6	87.7	91.8	90.9	84.1	60.5	90.6	88.8
Other	%	3.8	2.5	3.8	2.6	1.4	3.2	7.6	1.3	3.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	800	300	400	400	200	-	-	300	2 400
Source of income before SAAP support										
2007-08 (g), (h)										
No income	%	18.0	10.5	16.4	7.5	19.4	12.8	22.4	15.9	15.2
No income, awaiting benefit	%	3.2	2.0	3.6	2.4	2.5	15.5	-	4.7	3.2
Government pension/benefit	%	74.3	84.1	75.4	86.5	75.7	59.5	64.7	72.0	77.1
Other	%	4.6	3.3	4.6	3.7	2.3	12.1	12.9	7.4	4.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 000	400	500	300	200	-	-	200	2 700
Source of income after SAAP support										
2007-08 (i), (j)										
No income	%	4.2	3.7	8.7	3.0	10.1	-	14.6	7.1	5.6
No income, awaiting benefit	%	3.2	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.4	3.1	-	3.6	2.4
Government pension/benefit	%	87.2	91.0	85.7	93.7	86.4	83.6	63.1	83.8	87.7
Other	%	5.4	3.5	3.7	1.4	2.1	13.3	22.2	5.4	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	900	400	500	300	200	-	-	200	2 500

Table 15A.210 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(a)	Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.									
(b)	From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.									
(c)	32 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(d)	30 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(e)	51 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(f)	242 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.									
(g)	29 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(h)	74 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(i)	43 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(j)	255 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
	– Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.211

Table 15A.211 **The extent that clients' case management goals have been achieved (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005-06 (b)										
Not at all	%	7.7	5.7	11.6	13.1	5.8	7.9	10.1	3.4	7.5
Some	%	35.8	24.8	43.0	45.0	39.8	40.3	37.0	33.2	33.3
Most	%	27.2	18.9	22.9	21.8	19.7	21.4	26.2	33.5	22.1
All	%	29.4	50.6	22.5	20.1	34.6	30.3	26.7	29.8	37.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	16 500	31 900	10 100	4 900	7 400	3 100	1 400	2 600	77 900
2006-07 (c)										
Not at all	%	7.2	5.6	10.1	11.1	6.2	8.4	6.1	3.8	7.1
Some	%	32.4	24.4	40.7	47.5	35.2	41.5	41.0	29.6	32.2
Most	%	27.6	20.2	21.8	20.5	19.6	19.0	28.2	20.8	22.4
All	%	32.9	49.8	27.4	20.9	38.9	31.2	24.6	45.9	38.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	23 000	31 900	11 900	5 400	8 400	3 100	1 200	2 600	87 500
2007-08 (d)										
Not at all	%	5.7	5.8	9.5	11.0	5.4	7.3	4.0	7.3	6.6
Some	%	24.8	31.4	33.3	45.6	37.3	40.6	36.8	36.8	31.6
Most	%	25.6	18.8	26.4	20.8	20.3	22.3	33.4	17.4	22.5
All	%	44.0	44.0	30.8	22.6	37.1	29.7	25.9	38.4	39.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	29 700	32 900	14 900	5 900	10 400	2 800	1 300	2 000	99 800

(a) Support period figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

(b) Number excluded due to errors and omissions (weighted): 2961.

(c) Number excluded due to errors and omissions (weighted): 949.

(d) Number excluded due to errors and omissions (weighted): 1309.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).