

14A Children's services — attachment

All jurisdiction data

Table 14A.1

Table 14A.1 Equity indicator: Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds									
Representation in child care services (b), (c)									
1997	15.2	12.5	6.0	8.3	5.9	3.1	12.2	7.3	10.7
1999	15.3	12.2	6.2	7.7	6.0	2.2	10.6	7.5	10.7
2000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2002	16.3	12.3	5.9	7.2	6.4	2.4	11.0	6.3	10.8
2004	17.3	13.5	6.3	8.0	6.7	3.4	12.0	8.4	11.6
Representation in the community (d)	8.8	8.0	2.7	3.6	3.0	1.1	2.1	4.1	6.1
Indigenous children									
Representation in child care services (b), (c)									
1997	1.4	0.5	2.4	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	14.5	1.6
1999	1.4	0.6	2.1	2.1	1.2	0.7	0.8	10.4	1.5
2000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2002	1.5	0.5	2.7	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.7	9.8	1.7
2004	1.6	0.5	2.4	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	11.0	1.6
Representation in the community (e)	3.6	1.0	5.9	5.8	3.1	6.4	2.1	36.7	4.1
Children with a disability									
Representation in child care services (b), (c)									
1997	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	3.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.0
1999	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	3.9	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.3
2000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2002	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.6	3.3	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.3
2004	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.2
Representation in the community (f)	8.6	7.2	7.9	9.2	9.9	7.3	7.2	na	8.2
Children from low-income families									
Representation in child care services (b), (c)									
1997	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2002 (g)	29.1	29.0	35.2	34.3	35.4	33.6	13.7	19.1	31.2
2004	27.3	27.5	32.6	31.7	32.2	31.1	11.9	18.5	29.1
Representation in the community (h)	23.3	21.2	24.7	25.2	30.8	26.7	10.3	24.1	23.7
Children from regional and remote areas									
Regional									
Representation in child care services (b), (c)									
1997	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2002	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2004	25.7	22.5	38.7	18.4	16.1	99.5	–	72.6	28.7
Representation in the community (i)	30.0	29.1	45.6	24.0	26.9	97.6	0.3	48.9	33.4

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	<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>
Remote									
Representation in child care services (b), (c)									
1997	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2002	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2004	0.4	0.1	1.5	5.0	1.9	0.5	–	27.4	1.4
Representation in the community (i)	0.8	0.1	4.7	9.2	4.8	2.4	–	51.1	3.2

- (a) WA data excludes children attending kindergartens for four year olds, provided by the Department of Education, who would otherwise be in child care.
- (b) Data are estimated from the AGCCCS. There is double counting where children attended more than one service.
- (c) Excludes children from Aboriginal play groups, and mobile and toy libraries.
- (d) Data are estimated from ABS June 2002 *Child Care Survey* and related to the proportion of children aged 0–11 years who do not speak English as their main language at home.
- (e) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.
- (f) Data are estimated from the ABS 2003 *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers* and relate to children aged 0–14 years.
- (g) Data exclude children from multifunctional Aboriginal children's services, multifunctional children's services, Aboriginal play groups, and mobile and toy libraries.
- (h) Data are estimated from the ABS 1999-2000 *Survey of Income and Housing* and relate to children aged 0–12 years.
- (i) Estimated from the March 2004 AGCCCS (preliminary data).

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

Source: Australian Government *Census of Child Care Services* (unpublished); ABS (unpublished) 1999-2000 *Survey of Income and Housing*; ABS (unpublished) *Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2003*; ABS (unpublished) *Child Care Australia, 2002*; 2005 Report, table 14A.17.

Single jurisdiction data – NSW

Table 14A.2

Table 14A.2 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, New South Wales**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service (a), (b), (c)										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care (d)	239	55.8	np	na	310	72.1	301	69.0	298	68.8
Family day care	na	na	8	7.3	12	10.6	18	16.2	19	17.4
Vacation care (e)	–	–	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care (f)	na	na	np	na	29	33.0	27	31.0	20	24.4
'Other' care	na	na	–	–	7	33.3	7	36.8	7	33.3
All services providers	239	24.6	8	0.8	358	37.9	353	37.6	344	37.4
Preschools (g)										
All preschools	na	na	482	60.6	551	69.4	536	67.9	544	70.1
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	5 636	4.8	8 739	7.2	10 759	9.6	9 937	9.1	9 825	9.0
Preschool services	3 791	5.7	3 545	5.2	4 426	6.6	4 171	6.5	4 202	6.6
The general community (h)	268 140	20.4	268 140	20.4	268 140	20.4	268 140	20.4	91 898	8.8
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	1 029	0.9	2 319	1.9	2 926	2.6	3 010	2.8	3 561	3.3
Preschool services (i)	1 522	2.3	1 546	2.3	1 801	2.7	1 848	2.9	1 930	3.0
The general community (j)	53 701	4.1	53 701	4.1	53 701	4.1	53 701	4.1	48 070	3.6

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Table 14A.2 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, New South Wales**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	1 374	1.2	5 260	4.3	8 674	7.7	5 999	5.5	5 935	5.4
Preschool services	3 469	5.2	3 825	5.6	6 822	10.2	4 382	6.8	4 381	6.8
The general community (k)	86 800	6.6	86 800	6.6	86 800	6.6	86 800	6.6	112 508	8.6
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29 546	27.0
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20 657	32.2
The general community (l)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	396 343	30.0
Remote										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 093	1.0
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	764	1.2
The general community (l)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 152	0.8

- (a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.
- (b) Centre-based long day care services, family day care and other care services providing non-standard hours which involve service providers offering more than 10 hours on a selected day of the week.
- (c) For 2000-01 data, a Monday was chosen as the reference period for determining non-standard hours. For 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, Wednesday was chosen.
- (d) For 1999-2000, data are for those services that operated more than 50 hours during the sample week.
- (e) Data for 1999-2000 relate to Department of Community Service children's services only.
- (f) Occasional care service providers offering non-standard hours which involve service provider offering more than 8 hours on a selected day of the week
- (g) Preschool services include only designated preschool services providing non-standard hours which involve service providers offering more than 6 hours on a selected day of the week (Wednesday).
- (h) Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0-14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0-11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.

Table 14A.2

Table 14A.2 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, New South Wales**

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
(i)	Does not include 28 children that attend Indigenous Preschool, provided through the Indigenous Education Unit, Department of Education, Youth and Family Services.				
(j)	Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.				
(k)	Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003 and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.				
(l)	Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.				

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

Sources: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished); ABS 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, *Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, New South Wales*, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.1.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 14A.30.

Single jurisdiction data – Vic

Table 14A.3

Table 14A.3 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Victoria (a)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service											
Child care service providers (b)											
Centre-based long day care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All services providers	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschools (c)											
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services											
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:											
Child care services (d)	275	na	285	20.0	219	20.2	269	18.5	269	15.6	
Preschool services (e)	6 881	3230.5	7 582	12.6	7 255	12.0	7 682	12.7	8 074	13.5	
The general community (f)	187 416	19.9	187 416	19.9	187 416	19.9	187 416	19.9	60 415	8.0	
Representation of Indigenous children in:											
Child care services (d)	5	1.2	12	0.8	13	1.2	3	0.2	10	0.6	
Preschool services (e)	452	0.8	476	0.8	462	0.8	519	0.9	534	0.9	
The general community (g)	10 763	1.1	10 763	1.1	10 763	1.1	10 763	1.1	9 741	1.0	

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Table 14A.3 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Victoria (a)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services (h)	52	12.9	33	2.3	27	2.5	25	1.7	48	2.8
Preschool services (e)	2 288	3.8	2 212	3.7	2 328	3.9	2 608	4.3	2 242	3.7
The general community (i)	62 400	6.6	62 400	6.6	62 400	6.6	62 400	6.6	67 873	7.2
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Preschool services (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 588	29.3
The general community (j)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	275 164	29.1
Remote										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Preschool services (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77	0.1
The general community (j)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1261	0.1

- (a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.
- (b) Refers to State funded ACFE services only.
- (c) Victoria does not collect data on hours of care in preschool; however, it is a State Government requirement that each child is offered a minimum of ten hours of funded preschool per week.
- (d) Data refer to State funded ACFE services only and are based on a low response rate of around 50 per cent. Victoria does not report on 562 TAB EFTS. Data refer to the number of children attending State funded preschool services, including those operating in centre-based long day care services.
- (e) Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.
- (g) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

Table 14A.3

Table 14A.3 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Victoria (a)**

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
(h)	Data for 1999-2000 refer to children attending funded preschools who had a developmental delay or disability or who had parents with a disability. From 2000-2001 data refer to children attending funded preschools who had a developmental delay or disability. The State Government supports access and participation of approximately 9 per cent of the eligible 4-year-old children, with additional needs and developmental delay in State funded preschool programs, through 5477 packages of service through the Preschool Field Officer Program.				
(i)	Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003 and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.				
(j)	Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.				
	na Not available. .. Not applicable.				

Sources: DHS (unpublished); ABS 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, *Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, Victoria*, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.2.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 14A.39.

Single jurisdiction data – Qld

Table 14A.4

Table 14A.4 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Queensland (a), (b)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service (c)										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	..	na	..	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	..	na	..	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	np	na	na	na	3	7.5	na	na
Before school hours care	..	na	..	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	..	na	..	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	np	na	na	na	9	12.9	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All services providers	na	na	na	na	na	na	12	9.0	na	na
Preschools (d)										
All preschools	6	0.4	na	na	11	0.8	11	1.0	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services (e), (f)										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	92	2.6	na	na	165	8.1	140	5.3	125	8.9
Preschool services (g)	na	na	na	na	392	0.7	616	1.0	592	1.0
The general community (h)	54 390	7.1	54 390	7.1	54 390	7.1	54 390	7.1	16 606	2.7
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	1 868	52.9	na	na	460	22.7	364	13.7	195	13.8
Preschool services	3 348	5.6	3 040	5.1	3 183	5.3	3 286	5.4	3 469	5.6
The general community (i)	50 153	6.6	50 153	6.6	50 153	6.6	50 153	6.6	45 209	5.9

Table 14A.4

Table 14A.4 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Queensland (a), (b)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	85	2.4	na	na	184	9.1	150	5.6	28	2.0
Preschool services (j)	na	na	566	0.9	514	0.9	602	1.0	888	1.4
The general community (k)	61 800	8.1	61 800	8.1	61 800	8.1	61 800	8.1	60 868	7.9
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services (l)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	1.8
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
The general community (m)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	351 342	45.6
Remote										
Child care services (l)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	1.3
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
The general community (m)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36 036	4.7

(a) Services not included in the AGCCCS.

(b) Historical data need to be used with caution. Refer to previous reports. Data for 2003-04 are based on the 2003 Child Care Census data with response rates as follows: occasional care 81.0 per cent, vacation care 14.0 per cent, and RAATSICC 24.0 per cent. The response rates are considered too low to be statistically viable.

(c) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(d) Data for 1999-2000, 2001-02 and 2002-03 relate to the proportion of community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association offering a licensed outside kindergarten hours care program.

(e) Data for 2000-01 and 2001-02 exclude non-State preschools; data for 2002-03 include non-State schools.

(f) Child Care data are based on an annual census, and response rates are variable by service type and over time. Child care data for 1998-99 relate to occasional care services only and are based on averages calculated from 40 of 66 services. Data for 1999-2000 were based on averages calculated from census return response rates as follows: 61.0 per cent funded occasional care (limited hours care) centres, 22.0 per cent funded vacation programs. Data for the 33 services funded under the RAATSICC program are incomplete. Data for 2001-02 are based on response rates as follows: occasional care 90.0 per cent, vacation care 35.0 per cent, and other (RAATSICC licensed and unlicensed) 89.0 per cent. Data for 2002-03 are based on response rates as follows: occasional care 80.0 per cent, vacation care 35.0 per cent, and other (RAATSICC licensed and unlicensed) 48.0 per cent. Data for 2000-01 are not available.

Table 14A.4

Table 14A.4 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Queensland (a), (b)**

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
(g)	Data for 2001-02 and 2002-03 excludes data for children attending Education Queensland State preschools. In 2002-03, the number and percentage are based on data for the non-State schools and community kindergartens only.				
(h)	Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.				
(i)	Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.				
(j)	Data for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 State preschool students with disabilities are those students ascertained at levels 4, 5 and 6 (that is, only the highest level of disability).				
(k)	Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003 and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.				
(l)	Caution should be used when interpreting this data due to the overall low response rate of 49%.				
(m)	Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.				
	na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.				

Sources: Queensland Department of Communities; Education Queensland; Office of Non-State Schools; Creche and Kindergarten Association of Queensland (unpublished); ABS 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, *Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, Queensland*, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.3.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 14A.48.

Single jurisdiction data – WA

Table 14A.5

Table 14A.5 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Western Australia (a)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All services providers	–	na	–	na	–	na	–	na	–	na
Preschools (b)										
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (c)	43 075	11.0	43 075	11.0	43 075	11.0	43 075	11.0	11 126	3.6
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services (d), (e)	2 605	6.9	2 407	8.1	1 285	7.2	1 580	8.5	2 180	8.7
The general community (f)	25 561	6.5	25 561	6.5	25 561	6.5	25 561	6.5	22 934	5.8
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services (d), (e)	724	1.9	674	2.3	286	1.6	426	2.3	624	2.5
The general community (g)	40 800	10.4	40 800	10.4	40 800	10.4	40 800	10.4	36 295	9.2

Table 14A.5

Table 14A.5 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Western Australia (a)**

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04		
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:							
Regional							
Child care services	na na
Preschool services (h)	5 875 23.5
The general community (i)	94 508 24.0
Remote							
Child care services	na na
Preschool services (h)	2 488 9.9
The general community (i)	36 131 9.2

(a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.

(b) Includes preschool services for younger children.

(c) Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.

(d) Data for 2003-04 includes the non-government sector for the first time.

(e) Assumes the same ratio of disabled students and Indigenous students in the non govt system as in the government system.

(f) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

(g) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003, and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.

(h) Government and non-government schools with kindergarten students as at August 2004.

(i) Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.

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

Sources: WA Department of Education and Training (unpublished); ABS 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, *Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, Western Australia*, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.5.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 10A.57.

Single jurisdiction data – SA

Table 14A.6

Table 14A.6 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, South Australia (a)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service											
Child care service providers											
Centre-based long day care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All services providers	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschools (b)											
All preschools	310	69.0	299	66.4	293	66.3	312	70.0	315	70.9	
Participation by target groups in children's services (b), (c)											
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:											
Child care services	170	6.9	330	12.6	290	11.5	300	11.6	310	11.2	
Preschool services	2 040	9.0	1 970	8.9	1 950	8.8	2 010	9.1	2 050	9.3	
The general community (d)	32 053	11.2	32 053	11.2	32 053	11.2	32 053	11.2	6 886	3.0	
Representation of Indigenous children in:											
Child care services	40	1.6	150	5.7	150	6.0	160	6.2	150	5.4	
Preschool services	1 020	4.5	1 100	5.0	1 100	5.0	1 190	5.4	1 200	5.5	
The general community (e)	9 753	3.4	9 753	3.4	9 753	3.4	9 753	3.4	9 011	3.1	

Table 14A.6

Table 14A.6 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, South Australia (a)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Representation of children with disabilities in: (f)										
Child care services	280	11.3	350	13.4	320	12.7	390	15.1	400	14.4
Preschool services	3 120	13.8	3 600	16.2	3 250	14.7	3 140	14.2	3 150	14.3
The general community (g)	28 500	9.9	28 500	9.9	28 500	9.9	28 500	9.9	28 075	9.9
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	530	19.1
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 410	29.1
The general community (h)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77 500	26.9
Remote										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190	6.9
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 250	5.7
The general community (h)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 762	4.8

- (a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.
- (b) Preschools are encouraged to offer back-to-back preschool services to assist parents in country locations who would otherwise be unable to access preschool. The take-up rate is most significant in country locations where to limit access to one session per day over four days per week would make it impractical for children who travel long distances. In these situations children generally access their preschool entitlement of four sessions over two days as opposed to the usual four half days.
- (c) The number of children in special needs categories are estimates only.
- (d) Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.

Table 14A.6

Table 14A.6 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, South Australia (a)**

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
(e)	Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.				
(f)	Children with disabilities include children identified with a range of special needs, including emotional/behavioural needs, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, developmental delay, and other health and/or medical conditions.				
(g)	Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003, and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.				
(h)	Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.				
	na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.				

Sources: SA Department of Education and Children's Services; ABS 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, *Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, South Australia*, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.4.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 10A.66.

Single jurisdiction data – Tas

Table 14A.7

Table 14A.7 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service (c)										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	18	28.6	np	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	..	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	np	na	–	na	–	–	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	np	na	..	na	..	na	..	na
After school hours care	na	na	np	na	..	na	..	na	..	na
Occasional care	8	13.8	np	na	3	na	4	10.3	3	9.1
'Other' care	22	169.2	na	na	..	na	..	na	..	na
All services providers	48	34.5	–	–	3	na	4	9.3	3	8.6
Preschools										
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services (d)										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	12	1.0	11	0.9	14	na	9	0.7	10	0.9
Preschool services (e)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (f)	2 569	2.6	2 569	2.6	2 569	2.6	2 569	2.6	800	1.1
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	10	0.8	7	0.5	26	na	23	1.8	21	1.8
Preschool services (e), (g)	279	4.4	302	5.1	260	na	243	4.1	324	5.3
The general community (h)	6 852	7.0	6 852	7.0	6 852	7.0	6 852	7.0	6 254	6.4

Table 14A.7

Table 14A.7 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	25	2.0	29	2.3	14	na	14	1.1	16	1.4
Preschool services (e)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (i)	7 300	7.5	7 300	7.5	7 300	7.5	7 300	7.5	6 973	7.3
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 109	94.4
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 069	98.6
The general community (j)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 299	97.6
Remote										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	5.6
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	1.4
The general community (j)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 387	2.4

- (a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.
- (b) Tasmania has only validated the data for 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-2004.
- (c) Relates to child care and preschool service providers not included in the AGCCCS.
- (d) Data were not available for special needs groups in 'vacation care services' for 2000-01. The figures for child care services are therefore slightly lower than would be expected.
- (e) Data is for government preschools only.
- (f) Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.
- (g) Data for 2000-01 relate to Indigenous students in government preschools only.

Table 14A.7

Table 14A.7 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
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(h) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

(i) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003 and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.

(j) Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.

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

Sources: Tasmanian Department of Education (unpublished); ABS 1996 and 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, *Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, Tasmania*, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.6.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 14A.75.

Single jurisdiction data – ACT

Table 14A.8

Table 14A.8 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service (c)										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	–	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	–	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	–	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	–	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	–	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	5	45.5	np	na	7	58.3	12	100.0	na	na
'Other' care	–	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All services providers	5	45.5	na	na	7	58.3	12	100.0	na	na
Preschools										
All preschools	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	133	9.0	157	9.6	223	15.0	185	13.9	na	na
Preschool services	333	8.4	352	9.2	315	8.4	342	9.3	276	7.5
The general community (c)	8 615	13.1	8 615	13.1	8 615	13.1	8 615	13.1	1 200	2.1
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	29	2.0	13	0.8	7	0.5	9	0.7	na	na
Preschool services (d)	43	1.1	71	1.9	68	1.8	96	2.6	108	2.9
The general community (e)	1 490	2.3	1 490	2.3	1 490	2.3	1 490	2.3	1 390	2.1
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	38	2.6	19	1.2	19	1.3	19	1.4	na	na

Table 14A.8

Table 14A.8 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Preschool services	283	7.1	226	5.9	173	4.6	151	4.1	171	4.6
The general community (f)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4 527	7.2
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	0.9
The general community (g)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196	0.3
Remote (h)										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
The general community (g)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

- (a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.
- (b) During 2003, services funded to provide casual, permanent part time and emergency early childhood places were approved for child care benefit and will therefore be reported as a part of the Australian Government data.
- (c) Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.
- (d) The figures for Indigenous children do not include 28 children that attend Indigenous Preschool, provided through the Indigenous Education Unit, Department of Education, Youth and Family Services.
- (e) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.
- (f) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003 and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.
- (g) Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.
- (h) In the ACT there are no regions classified as remote.

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

Sources: ACT Department of Education and Training and Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (unpublished); ABS 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, Australian Capital Territory, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.8.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 14A.84.

Single jurisdiction data
– NT

Table 14A.9 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Northern Territory (a)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Service providers that provide non-standard hours of service										
Child care service providers										
Centre-based long day care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	np	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All services providers	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschools										
All preschools	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Participation by target groups in children's services										
Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
The general community (b)	14 430	29.4	14 430	29.4	14 430	29.4	14 430	29.4	1 000	4.1
Representation of Indigenous children in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	1 052	32.2	1 129	33.6	1 128	35.4	1 323	39.8	1 407	43.1
The general community (c)	20 349	41.4	20 349	41.4	20 349	41.4	20 349	41.4	18 253	36.7

Table 14A.9 **Access and equity indicators: Service availability during non-standard hours and participation by target groups, Northern Territory (a)**

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Representation of children with disabilities in:										
Child care services	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool services	na	na	na	na	na	na	169	5.1	191	5.9
The general community (d), (e)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Representation of children from regional/remote areas:										
Regional										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
The general community (f)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24 317	48.9
Remote										
Child care services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
Preschool services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na	na
The general community (f)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 385	51.1

- (a) Data provided by States and Territories complement the data collected by the AGCCCS. The Australian Government did not conduct a full AGCCCS in 2000-01. To avoid misrepresenting child care services, jurisdictions were asked to report on only those data items where the Australian Government was also able to provide data. Items for which the States and Territories were not asked to provide data are marked np.
- (b) Data for 1999-2000 to 2002-03 relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing. Data for 2003-04 relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.
- (c) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2001 and were obtained from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing.
- (d) Data relate to children aged 0–14 years at June 2003 and were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.
- (e) No data are available for the NT due to the small sample size of the 2003 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.
- (f) Data relate to children aged 0–11 years and were obtained from the ABS 2002 Survey of Child Care.

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

Sources: NT Department of Family and Community Services (unpublished); ABS 2001, Census of Population and Housing; ABS 1999, *Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary Tables, Northern Territory*, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.7.40.001; ABS 2003, *Child Care Australia*, Cat. no. 4402.0; 2005 Report, table 14A.93