Who are they...
- An estimated 4.3 million children lived in Australia in 2011.
- In total, there were 30,695 children living in Australia in 2011 who had arrived under refugee programs—the largest ethnic groups were Sudanese (20%), Iraqi (12%), African (12%), Burmese (11%) and Afghani (8%).

Proportion of children...
- The child population as a proportion of the total Australian population has been steadily declining due to sustained low fertility and increased life expectancy.
  1958 ➞ 30% of population were children
  2011 ➞ 19% of population were children

Where they live...
- Almost one-third (32%) lived in NSW, one-quarter (24%) in Vic and one-fifth (21%) in Qld.
- Around 32,000 children were living with relatives, foster families or in residential care.

Mortality...
- The three leading causes of child death between 1997 and 2010 were injuries, cancer and diseases of the nervous system.
- Infant mortality rates were 1.7 times higher for Indigenous infants than for non-Indigenous infants.
- Child mortality rates (1–14 years) were 2.1 times higher for Indigenous children than for non-Indigenous children.

Health and disability...
- Asthma was the most frequently reported long-term condition, followed by hay fever and allergic rhinitis.
- Although exclusive breastfeeding was initiated for most babies (90%), only 39% of infants were exclusively breastfed to around 4 months, and 15% to around 6 months.
- Asthma cases ▼ down; New cases of cancers ■ no change; Incidence of Type 1 Diabetes ➞ stable since 2005.
- An estimated 45% of children aged 6 and 39% aged 12 experienced dental decay (2007).
- 80% of Australian children lived in areas with access to fluoridated water (2008).
- The most common disability types among children were intellectual and sensory/speech.