

Appendix: Errors and omissions relating to age

The tables contained in this report do not include the errors and omissions relating to age. This is due to the fact that the report deals with specific age ranges. To calculate the age, year of birth is required and if the value in this field contains an error or is missing, then the record is excluded from the calculations. For more information, see the counting rules in Appendix 1 of *Young Homeless People in Australia 2001–02* (AIHW 2003).

To estimate the errors and omissions for age it is necessary to calculate the number of errors and omissions for age in the total data set and then determine the proportion of these that relates to the age ranges used in the report. To do this, the percentage of clients or support periods in the age bracket is applied to the total age errors and omissions of either clients or support periods, whichever is appropriate. For example, if 40% of SAAP clients are in the 12–24 year age bracket, then the estimated errors and omissions for age relating to 12–24 year-olds is 40% of the total age errors and omissions for clients.

The errors and omissions below are in addition to the errors and omissions already presented in the footnotes to the tables.

Table A1: Estimated errors and omissions for age, New South Wales, 2001–02

| Type | Age range | Total number | Errors and omissions |
|---|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Clients | 12–24 | 8,950 | 40 |
| | 25+ | 17,250 | 80 |
| | Total | 26,200 | 120 |
| Support periods | 12–24 | 14,400 | 40 |
| | 25+ | 33,250 | 100 |
| | Total | 47,600 | 140 |
| Closed support periods | 12–24 | 12,500 | 40 |
| | 25+ | 30,700 | 90 |
| | Total | 43,200 | 120 |
| Closed support periods with accommodation | 12–24 | 8,250 | <25 |
| | 25+ | 25,300 | 70 |
| | Total | 33,550 | 100 |

Notes

1. Total numbers are rounded to 50. Errors and omissions are rounded to 10.
2. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

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