# Appendix 1 The data

General information to help readers interpret the tables presented in this report is given in Appendix 1 of the national report. Additional information relevant only to the tables for South Australia follows.

### A1.1 Agency participation

Table A1.1: SAAP Client Collection: agency participation rates and forms returned with informed consent and valid consent, by region and primary target group, South Australia, 2005–06

	Agencie	s <sup>(a)</sup>	For	rms returned	
_	Total	Participation rate	Total	Consent	Valid consent <sup>(b)</sup>
Region	Number	%	Number	%	%
Metropolitan, Eastern	25	96.0	9,111	86.1	79.7
Metropolitan, Western	6	100.0	449	79.7	77.5
Metropolitan, Northern	5	100.0	1,142	83.7	83.2
Metropolitan, Southern	8	100.0	1,335	89.6	88.5
Country, North	23	91.3	2,111	88.4	81.6
Country, South	10	100.0	1,101	94.1	89.4
Total	77	96.1	15,249	87.0	81.6
Primary target group					
Young people	19	100.0	3,787	79.6	76.2
Single men only	11	100.0	2,139	98.8	96.5
Single women only	2	100.0	574	78.4	69.9
Families	9	100.0	1,874	88.5	83.3
Women escaping domestic violence	22	90.9	4,728	91.7	84.1
Cross-target/multiple/general	14	92.9	2,147	78.7	72.7
Total	77	96.1	15,249	87.0	81.6

<sup>(</sup>a) 'Agencies' refers to the number of agencies that were 'in scope'—that is, that should have been participating in the reference period.

Note: Table based on forms returned from agencies in scope for the Client Collection during the reference period. Not all agencies funded under SAAP are required to participate in the Client Collection. For example, agencies that provide only support to other agencies or casual assistance lasting less than 1 hour on a given day and which is not of an ongoing nature are not required to participate in the collection. Consequently, some agencies funded under SAAP (see Chapter 2) are not included in this table.

Sources: SAAP Administrative Data and Client Collections.

<sup>(</sup>b) 'Valid consent' here refers to all forms with a valid statistical linkage key (see 'statistical linkage key' in the Glossary).

### A1.2 Additional counting rules

In the tables in this report, when counting clients or support periods in particular groups, the following rules have been used in addition to those outlined in Appendix 1, Section 1.4 of the national report.

#### Region

Six administrative regional classifications developed by the South Australian Department of Families and Communities are used in this report. The names of these regions are as follows:

- Metropolitan, Western including the Local Government Areas of Charles Sturt, West Torrens, Port Adelaide, Enfield-Coast and Port;
- Metropolitan, Northern including the Local Government Areas of Gawler, Playford, Salisbury, Tea Tree Gully, Port Adelaide, Enfield-East and Inner;
- Metropolitan, Eastern—including the Local Government Areas of Adelaide, Burnside, Cambelltown, Norwood, Payneham, Saint Peters, Prospect, Unley, Walkerville, Adelaide Hills-Central and Ranges;
- Metropolitan, Southern including the Local Government Areas of Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham, Onkaparinga;
- Country, North including the Eyre, Mid-North, North and Far West, Wakefield regions; and
- Country, South—including the Hills Mallee and Southern, Riverland, and South East regions.

# **Appendix 2 SAAP NDCA Client Collection form**



### S A A P CLIENT FORM

SAAP	CLIENT FORM	<b>*</b> in	ndicates questions that require the informed consent of the client.
ND CA	JULY 2005 – JUNE 2006	SUP	PORT PERIOD  Date commenced  Date finished  PORT PERIOD ONGOING AT 30 JUNE 2006 Yes  1  SENT OBTAINED  Yes  1 No  2
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1 Sex of cl	ient female male	] 1 ] 2	3 Source of referral/information  please tick one box only  self 13
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			IF CONSENT IS NOT OBTAINED PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15

* 4 Country of birth of client	<b>★</b> 8 Main income source before and after support
Australia 1	please tick one box only in each column Before After
other (please specify)	No income
	no income 1
<b>★</b> 5 Does the client identify as being of Aboriginal	registered/awaiting benefit 2
or Torres Strait Islander origin?	Government payments
no 1	newstart 4
yes, Aboriginal 2	youth allowance 33
yes, Torres Strait Islander 3	community development employment project (CDEP) 8
yes, both 4	ABSTUDY 31
<b>★</b> 6 Presenting reasons for seeking assistance	Austudy payment for students aged 25 years and over 28
please tick as many circles as apply	disability support pension 12
Interpersonal relationships	age pension 13
time out from family/other situation 2	parenting payment 34
relationship/family breakdown 3	DVA payment (pension or support) 35
interpersonal conflict 4	other type of allowance or benefit 36
sexual abuse 7	
domestic/family violence 6	Other income  workcover/compensation 19
physical/emotional abuse 5	maintenance/child support 20
Financial gambling 20	wages/salary/own business 21 21
budgeting problems 23	spouse/partner's income 22
	other (please specify) 999
other financial difficulty ( ) 21	client left without providing any information 98
Accommodation	don't know 99
overcrowding issues 27	
eviction/asked to leave 25	<b>*</b> 9 Labour force status before and after support
emergency accommodation ended 11	please tick one box only in each column Before After
previous accommodation ended ( ) 26  Health	employed full time 1 (35 hours per week or more)
mental health issues ( ) 28	employed part time
problematic drug/alcohol/substance use 10	(less than 35 hours per week)
psychiatric illness () 13	unemployed (looking for work) 4
other health issues 29	not in labour force (see manual) 5
Other reasons	client left without providing any information 98
gay/lesbian/transgender issues 30	don't know 99
recently left institution 12	
recent arrival to area with no means of support 14	* 10 Student status before and after support
itinerant 15	please tick one box only in each column Before After
other (please specify) 999	not a student 1
don't know/no information 0	primary/secondary school student 2
	post-secondary student/employment training 3
<b>★</b> 7 <u>Main</u> presenting reason for seeking assistance	client left without providing any information 98
please write only ONE code number from Question 6	
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please tick one box only in each column Before After	please tick one box only in each column Before Afte
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improvised dwelling/car/tent/squat 1	with both parents 1
street/park/in the open 2	with one parent and parent's spouse/partner 2
House/dwelling	with one parent 3
house/flat 3	with foster family 4
caravan 4	with relatives/friends temporary 16
boarding/rooming house 5	with relatives/friends long-term 17
hostel/hotel/motel 6	with spouse/partner 7
Institutional setting	with spouse/partner and child(ren) 8
hospital 7	alone with child(ren) 9
psychiatric institution 8	living with other unrelated persons 13
prison/youth training centre 9	other (please specify)
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client left without providing any information 98	don't know 99
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please tick as many circles as apply	Needs identified by worker	Provided	Referral arranged
Housing/accommodation			arranged
SAAP/CAP accommodation (including THMs and other SAAP managed properties)		$\circ$	<u></u>
assistance to obtain/maintain short-term accommodation			39
assistance to obtain/maintain medium-term accommodation			<u>49</u>
assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing			<u>42</u>
Financial/employment			
assistance to obtain/maintain government allowance			37
employment and training assistance			<u> </u>
financial assistance/material aid			O 6
financial counselling and support			7
Personal support			
incest/sexual assault support	$\bigcirc$		<u>45</u>
domestic/family violence support		$\bigcirc$	<u>46</u>
family/relationship support	O		<u>47</u>
emotional support		0	48
assistance with problem gambling			36
General support/advocacy			
living skills/personal development		0	<u> </u>
assistance with legal issues/court support	$\bigcirc$		<u>25</u>
advice/information		0	<u>27</u>
retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings			29
advocacy/liaison on behalf of client			30
Specialist services psychological services			<u> </u>
specialist counselling services			O 44
psychiatric services			13
pregnancy support			33
family planning support			34
drug/alcohol support or intervention			) 16
physical disability services			
			17
intellectual disability services			18
culturally specific services			<u> </u>
interpreter services			
assistance with immigration services			38
health/medical services			<u>26</u>
Basic support meals			21
laundry/shower facilities			) 22
recreation	$\tilde{\bigcirc}$		23
transport	Ŏ	Ŏ	<u>24</u>
other (please specify)			999
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18 If SAAP/CAP accommodation was provided (including please provide details	ng THMs and other SAAP managed properties)
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Complete a separate client form for each	ı child aged 18 ye	ears and ove	er				
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<ul> <li>For short names fill in with 2's.</li> <li>For missing names fill in with 9's.</li> </ul>	Letters of last name			M/F for male or	Letters of last name		M/F for male or
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20 Sex of child(ren)			nale	1 2			nale 1 nale 2
<b>★ 21</b> Country of birth of the child(ren)	other	Austi (please spe		1	other	Austi r (please spe	
* 22 Is the child of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?	yes, Torre	yes, Aborig es Strait Islar yes, b	inal inder	1 2 3 4	yes, Torre	yes, Aborig es Strait Islar yes, b	nder 3
23 Support to child(ren) no assistance	□ 1				□ 1		
Indicate above if no assistance was given or tick as many circles below as apply	Needs identified		Referra		Needs identified		Referral
Accommodation SAAP/CAP accommodation (including THMs and other SAAP managed properties)	by worker	Provided	arrange		by worker	Provided	arranged 21
School liaison/child care school liaison		O	0	4		0	<u> </u>
child care  Personal support			$\bigcirc$	3			3
help with behavioural problems				1			<u> </u>
sexual/physical abuse support	Ō	Ŏ	Ŏ	24	Ō	Ŏ	<u>24</u>
skills education	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	17			17
structured play/skill development  General support/advocacy			$\bigcirc$	22			<u>22</u>
access arrangements				5			5
advice/information	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	15	Ŏ	Ŏ	<u> </u>
advocacy	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	18	Ö	Ŏ	<u> </u>
Specialist services specialist counselling				23			O 23
culturally specific services				10			10
health/medical services	$\tilde{\bigcirc}$	$\tilde{}$	$\widetilde{\bigcirc}$	19	$\tilde{\bigcirc}$	$\tilde{}$	19
Basic support	_	_			_	_	
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showers/hygiene recreation	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	12			12
recreation				13			13

Accompanying children should be recorded on only one of the parent/guardian forms

#### COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

other (please specify) \_
other (please specify) \_

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**Note:** If the client had more than 5 accompanying children in a support period, you should photocopy a blank copy of this page, complete details, and staple it to this page.

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If you have any problems completing this form please telephone the SAAP NDCA hotline on 1800 627 191 or email ndca@aihw.gov.au

#### **RETURNING FORMS TO THE NDCA**

- In the first week of each month, send the forms of *clients* who have left the agency in the last month to the NDCA in the prepaid envelope provided.
- Forms should reach the NDCA by the 15th of each month.
- Include a completed Form Return Sheet with your forms. If no clients left your agency in the
  last month record zero forms to return on the Form Return Sheet. This ensures that your
  agency is counted as participating in the National Data Collection. The NDCA is required to
  notify State/Territory funding departments of agencies that do not return forms (or Form
  Return Sheets) each month.

#### **30 JUNE 2005 AND 31 DECEMBER 2005**

- In the first week of July 2005 and in the first week of January 2006, you should notify the NDCA of clients who are still being supported as at 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2005.
- For clients who are ongoing at 30 June 2005, refer to the *July 2005 Transfer Guide* and transfer the information from the old 2004–2005 form to the new 2005–2006 form. Return the old form to the NDCA along with the forms of *clients who have left your agency in the last month*. Retain the new form in your agency until the client has finished his/her support period.
- For ongoing clients at 31 December use the December Form Return Sheet and note in the box provided the number of clients being supported on 31 December 2005. It is important to send in a December Form Return Sheet even if you did not have any client forms to remit or you had no ongoing clients.

If you do not need the materials sent to you, please return them in the NDCA Reply Paid envelope.

# **Glossary**

Accommodation period

The period during which a *client* was in SAAP *supported accommodation*. A client may have no accommodation periods or one or more accommodation periods within a *support period*. The dates on which each accommodation period began and ended during the support period are collected for clients but not for accompanying children. However, it can be reasonably assumed that an *accompanying child* will have the same accommodation period start and end dates as their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the majority of cases.

Accompanying child

A person aged under 18 years who:

- has a parent or guardian who is a SAAP client; and
- accompanies that client to a SAAP *agency* any time during that client's *support period*; and/or
- receives assistance directly as a consequence of a parent or guardian's support period.

Accompanying child support period

Each *support period* in which the child either accompanies a parent or guardian to a SAAP *agency* or receives assistance as a result of a parent or guardian's support period.

Within an accompanying child support period the child may receive one-off assistance and/or support over a period of time. Since the child may not be supported for the entire duration of a parent's or guardian's support period, it is not possible to assess the exact length of support for an *accompanying child*.

Agency

An organisation or establishment that receives a specified amount of SAAP funds to provide services.

Alpha code

A predetermined combination of letters from a client's name, together with a letter designating the client's sex. A 'valid alpha code' is an alpha code that is given with informed consent, and contains only letters from the alphabet and ends in either M or F to indicate the client's sex.

Client

A person who is *homeless* or at imminent risk of homelessness 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 one hour or more of a worker's time, either with that client directly or on behalf of that client, on a given day.

This includes people who are aged 18 years or older and people of any age not accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Closed accompanying child support period

Closed support period

English proficiency group 1 countries English proficiency group 2-4 countries Homeless person An accompanying child support period associated with a closed support period.

A *support period* that had finished on or before the end of the reporting period – 30 June 2006.

Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Zimbabwe.

Countries, excluding Australia, that are not included in *English* proficiency group 1.

A person who does not have access to safe, secure and adequate housing. A person is considered not to have access to safe, secure and adequate housing if the only housing to which they have access:

- damages, or is likely to damage, their health; or
- threatens their safety; or
- marginalises them through failing to provide access to:
  - adequate personal amenities, or
  - the economic and social supports that a home normally affords; or
- places them in circumstances which threaten or adversely affect the adequacy, safety, security and affordability of that housing; or
- has no security of tenure—that is, they have no legal right to continued occupation of their home.

A person is also considered homeless if he or she is living in accommodation provided by a SAAP *agency* or some other form of emergency accommodation.

An ongoing support relationship exists between a SAAP *agency* and a person if some assistance has been provided to that person, and it is expected that future contact will occur between the

person and the agency for the purpose of providing additional assistance. Future contact can be assumed if:

- a definite appointment has been made with the person to work through particular problems/issues; or
- an agreement has been reached with the person to work through particular problems/issues even if a specific appointment has not been made; or
- the agency expects the client to return for more assistance within a month.

However, an invitation to return to the agency in the future if the need arises does not constitute an ongoing support relationship. Rather it should simply be seen as an offer to enter into a new *support period* or to provide assistance at some future time.

Ongoing support relationship

#### **Recurrent allocations**

Amounts of money specifically allocated during the reporting period by a state or territory department either:

- to a SAAP agency to fund salaries and associated on-costs, and ongoing operating costs; or
- for use by each state or territory for such purposes as training, research, evaluation, administration, and asset replacement or purchase.

#### Referral

For the purposes of the National Data Collection, a referral involves a formal process—not simply the provision of information. A (formal) referral occurs when a SAAP *agency* contacts another organisation and that organisation accepts the person concerned for an appointment or interview. A referral has not been provided if the person is not accepted for an appointment or interview.

# Statistical linkage key (SLK)

A statistical linkage key (SLK) is a derived variable that allows demographic data about the same *client* to be combined across support periods without the name of the client being recorded.

For the purposes of the National Data Collection, a valid SLK is comprised of a valid *alpha code* and *valid date of birth* that were supplied for a *support period* where the client gave informed consent.

#### Support

Assistance, other than *supported accommodation*, provided to a *client* as part of an *ongoing support relationship* between a SAAP *agency* and the client. For the purposes of the National Data Collection, support also includes contact with, or work on behalf of, a client for generally more than one hour on a given day. Support may be provided to the client individually or in group sessions.

#### Support period

Commences when a *client* begins to receive *support* and/or *supported accommodation* from a SAAP *agency*. The support period is considered to finish when:

- the client ends the relationship with the agency; or
- the agency ends the relationship with the client.

If it is not clear whether the agency or the client has ended the relationship, the support period is assumed to have ended if no assistance has been provided to the client for a period of one month. In such a case, the date the support period ended is the last contact with the client.

# Supported accommodation

Accommodation paid for or provided directly by a SAAP *agency*. The accommodation may be provided at the agency or may be purchased using SAAP funds—at a motel, for example.

#### Unmet need

An unmet need occurs when a SAAP *agency* worker assesses that a *client* needs a support service during their *support period*, and that service is not provided or referred.

#### Valid date of birth

For the purposes of the National Data Collection, a valid date of birth is the client's date of birth provided with informed consent and for which:

- the day, month and year of birth are completed and not estimated; or
- the day and month of birth are completed and not estimated, and the year of birth is completed (either estimated or not estimated).

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