

Appendix 1: Detailed Tables

New South Wales

Table A1.1: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, New South Wales, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03 ^(a)	2003–04 ^(b)	2004–05
Number of notifications investigated^(c)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	6,477	7,501	8,606	16,765	n.a.	15,493
Carer/family issues	..	4,600	5,944	628	n.a.	n.a.
Not substantiated	7,628	7,812	11,705	9,070	n.a.	25,491
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>14,105</i>	<i>19,913</i>	<i>26,255</i>	<i>26,463</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>40,984</i>
Investigations not finalised	4,002	5,379	7,363	18,802	n.a.	17,588
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>18,107</i>	<i>25,292</i>	<i>33,618</i>	<i>45,265</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>58,572</i>
Other notifications ^(d)	12,291	15,645	21,590	64,233	n.a.	75,064
Total notifications	30,398	40,937	55,208	109,498	115,541	133,636
Proportion of notifications investigated^(c)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	21.3	18.3	15.6	15.3	n.a.	11.6
Carer/family issues	..	11.2	10.8	0.6	n.a.	n.a.
Not substantiated	25.1	19.1	21.2	8.3	n.a.	19.1
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>46.4</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>24.2</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>30.7</i>
Investigations not finalised	13.2	13.1	13.3	17.2	n.a.	13.2
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>59.6</i>	<i>61.8</i>	<i>60.9</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>43.8</i>
Other notifications ^(d)	40.4	38.2	39.1	58.7	n.a.	56.2
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	n.a.	100.0

(a) Data from 2002–03 should not be compared to previous years. New South Wales implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002–03 which would make any comparisons inaccurate.

(b) In 2003–04, New South Wales was only able to provide limited data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

(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.

(d) 'Other notifications' include those dealt with by other means (e.g. provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police).

Note: If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.2: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, New South Wales, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	267	212	326	394	n.a.	n.a.
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	661	600	738	976	n.a.	n.a.
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	4.0	3.6	4.9	5.3	n.a.	n.a.
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	9.8	10.2	11.1	13.2	n.a.	n.a.

Note: In 2003–04 and 2004–05 New South Wales was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of a new reporting system.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.3: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, New South Wales, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	167	155	122	221	n.a.	n.a.
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	625	546	436	777	n.a.	n.a.
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.2	n.a.	n.a.
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	8.7	8.8	7.6	7.6	n.a.	n.a.

Note: In 2003–04 and 2004–05 New South Wales was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of a new reporting system.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.4: Number of children exiting out-of-home care, who were on a care and protection order, by number of placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, New South Wales, 2002–03 and 2004–05

	2002–03	2004–05
1 month to less than 1 year in out-of-home care		
1 placement	266	460
2 placements	124	100
3 placements	44	30
4–5 placements	13	7
6–10 placements	1	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	448	597
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	76	84
2 placements	31	58
3 placements	19	31
4–5 placements	8	17
6–10 placements	—	5
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	134	195
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	73	93
2 placements	36	68
3 placements	31	51
4–5 placements	23	42
6–10 placements	2	26
11 or more placements	—	1
Unknown	—	—
Total children	165	281
5 years or more in out-of-home care		
1 placement	139	51
2 placements	17	64
3 placements	8	34
4–5 placements	4	48
6–10 placements	4	33
11 or more placements	—	6
Unknown	—	—
Total children	172	236
All children		
1 placement	554	688
2 placements	208	290
3 placements	102	146
4–5 placements	48	114
6–10 placements	7	64
11 or more placements	—	7
Unknown	—	—
Total children exiting out-of-home care	919	1,309

Notes

1. For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
2. 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 6 months prior to exiting care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.5: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, New South Wales, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	1,282	1,458	1,491	1,662	1,685	1,751
Other children	2,530	2,821	3,109	3,267	3,392	3,541
All children	3,812	4,279	4,600	4,929	5,077	5,292
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	70.6	68.2	71.1	70.0	68.5	68.9
Other children	48.4	50.0	51.9	52.2	50.7	53.0
All children	54.1	55.0	56.9	57.1	55.5	57.3

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.6: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, New South Wales, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	1,295	1,520	1,494	1,663	1,769	1,794
Other children	3,405	3,785	4,004	4,122	4,477	4,515
All children	4,700	5,305	5,498	5,785	6,246	6,309
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	96.8	96.7	98.1	97.8	99.3	99.0
Other children	95.4	96.9	96.6	96.6	99.0	99.4
All children	95.8	96.8	97.0	97.0	99.1	99.2

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.7: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales, 2000 to 2005

	2000 ^(a)	2001	2002	2003	2004 ^(b)	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(c)	999	1,458	1,491	1,662	n.a.	1,751
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	462	395	348	382	n.a.	450
Total placed in accordance with Principle	1,461	1,853	1,839	2,044	n.a.	2,201
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(d)	342	265	244	314	n.a.	333
Independent living/unknown	..	21	15	17	n.a.	9
Total Indigenous children in care	1,803	2,139	2,098	2,375	2,459	2,543
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(c)	55.4	68.8	71.6	70.5	n.a.	69.1
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	25.6	18.6	16.7	16.2	n.a.	17.8
Total placed in accordance with Principle	81.0	87.5	88.3	86.7	n.a.	86.9
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(d)	19.0	12.5	11.7	13.3	n.a.	13.1
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	n.a.	100.0

(a) In 2000, there were 12 children where the Indigenous status of the caregiver was unknown. These children were included in the category 'Not placed in accordance with Principle'.

(b) In 2004, New South Wales was unable to provide complete data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

(c) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(d) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Victoria

Table A1.8: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Victoria, 1999-00 to 2004-05

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Number of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	7,359	7,608	7,687	7,287	7,412	7,398
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	5,223	5,302	5,181	5,113	4,462	4,088
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>12,582</i>	<i>12,910</i>	<i>12,868</i>	<i>12,400</i>	<i>11,874</i>	<i>11,486</i>
Investigations not finalised	311	295	343	369	385	402
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>12,893</i>	<i>13,205</i>	<i>13,211</i>	<i>12,769</i>	<i>12,259</i>	<i>11,888</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	23,912	23,761	24,765	24,866	24,697	25,635
Total notifications	36,805	36,966	37,976	37,635	36,956	37,523
Proportion of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	20.0	20.6	20.2	19.4	20.1	19.7
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	14.2	14.3	13.6	13.6	12.1	10.9
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>34.2</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>33.9</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>32.1</i>	<i>30.6</i>
Investigations not finalised	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>33.9</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>31.7</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	65.0	64.3	65.2	66.1	66.8	68.3
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) 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.

(b) 'Other notifications' include those dealt with by other means (e.g. provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police).

Note: If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.9: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Victoria, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	132	199	139	173	131	132
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	893	960	984	1,106	958	877
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	1.9	2.9	1.9	2.4	1.9	1.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	13.1	14.0	13.7	15.3	14.0	12.5

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.10: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Victoria, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	208	204	189	224	225	157
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	779	839	730	850	795	685
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	4.0	4.7	4.2	5.2	5.3	4.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	15.1	19.3	16.3	19.9	18.8	18.3

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.11: Number of children exiting out-of-home care, who were on a care and protection order, by number of placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Victoria, 2003–04 and 2004–05

	2003–04	2004–05
1 month to less than 1 year in out-of-home care		
1 placement	322	391
2 placements	132	194
3 placements	41	56
4–5 placements	28	25
6–10 placements	3	4
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	526	670
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	88	110
2 placements	46	57
3 placements	25	28
4–5 placements	18	37
6–10 placements	11	14
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	188	246
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	62	66
2 placements	42	44
3 placements	28	43
4–5 placements	27	46
6–10 placements	19	25
11 or more placements	4	5
Unknown	—	—
Total children	182	229
5 years or more in out-of-home care		
1 placement	44	30
2 placements	10	11
3 placements	3	10
4–5 placements	9	13
6–10 placements	4	16
11 or more placements	—	8
Unknown	—	—
Total children	70	88
All children		
1 placement	516	597
2 placements	230	306
3 placements	97	137
4–5 placements	82	121
6–10 placements	37	59
11 or more placements	4	13
Unknown	—	—
Total children exiting out-of-home care	966	1,233

Notes

1. For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
2. 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 6 months prior to exiting care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.12: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Victoria, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	n.a.	141	151	188	196	214
Other children	n.a.	905	880	1,028	1,149	1,121
All children	962	1,046	1,031	1,216	1,345	1,335
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	n.a.	31.1	30.9	37.1	36.9	40.7
Other children	n.a.	26.4	25.7	29.0	30.4	28.9
All children	24.9	26.9	26.3	30.1	31.2	30.3

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.13: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Victoria, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	n.a.	305	304	325	350	343
Other children	n.a.	1,899	1,923	2,012	2,127	2,196
All children	2,153	2,204	2,227	2,337	2,477	2,539
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	n.a.	94.1	94.1	95.6	96.7	96.9
Other children	n.a.	96.2	96.2	97.0	97.0	97.5
All children	94.2	95.9	95.9	96.8	96.9	97.4

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.14: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001 ^(a)	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(b)	n.a.	141	151	169	179	204
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	n.a.	115	120	87	129	88
Total placed in accordance with Principle	n.a.	256	271	256	308	292
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(c)	n.a.	198	218	174	191	205
Independent living/unknown	n.a.	..	..	77	32	29
Total Indigenous children in care	n.a.	454	489	430	531	526
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(b)	n.a.	31.1	30.9	39.3	35.8	41.1
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	n.a.	25.3	24.5	20.2	25.8	17.7
Total placed in accordance with Principle	n.a.	56.4	55.4	59.5	61.7	58.8
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(c)	n.a.	43.6	44.6	40.5	38.3	41.2
Total Indigenous children in care	n.a.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) In 2001, some children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'Not placed in accordance with Principle' (under non-Indigenous residential care).

(b) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(c) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Queensland

Table A1.15: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Queensland, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Number of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	6,919	8,395	10,036	12,203	17,473	17,307
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	3,985	3,952	4,602	5,339	6,130	6,094
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>10,904</i>	<i>12,347</i>	<i>14,638</i>	<i>17,542</i>	<i>23,603</i>	<i>23,401</i>
Investigations not finalised	4,394	5,775	8,396	8,645	5,712	11,960
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>15,298</i>	<i>18,122</i>	<i>23,034</i>	<i>26,187</i>	<i>29,315</i>	<i>35,361</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	3,759	3,947	4,558	4,881	5,708	5,468
Total notifications	19,057	22,069	27,592	31,068	35,023	40,829
Proportion of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	36.3	38.0	36.4	39.3	49.9	42.4
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	20.9	17.9	16.7	17.2	17.5	14.9
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>57.2</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>53.1</i>	<i>56.5</i>	<i>67.4</i>	<i>57.3</i>
Investigations not finalised	23.1	26.2	30.4	27.8	16.3	29.3
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>80.3</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>84.3</i>	<i>83.7</i>	<i>86.6</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	19.7	17.9	16.5	15.7	16.3	13.4
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) 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.

(b) 'Other notifications' include those dealt with by other means (e.g. provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police); and those notifications not investigated or dealt with by other means.

Note: If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.16: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Queensland, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	496	664	806	811	1,450	n.a.
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	1,247	1,587	2,033	2,496	3,235	n.a.
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	9.0	10.4	10.2	9.0	11.9	n.a.
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	22.6	24.8	25.6	27.6	26.5	n.a.

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.17: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Queensland, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01 ^(a)	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(b)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	127	167	186	182	263	n.a.
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	444	462	604	714	811	n.a.
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	3.5	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.9	n.a.
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	12.2	12.9	14.9	15.0	15.1	n.a.

(a) Queensland altered the way in which this counting rule was calculated, resulting in higher numbers of children being recorded as having a subsequent substantiation. Therefore care should be taken when comparing data prior to 2000–01 with data from 2000–01 onwards. This also means that comparison between data for Queensland and other jurisdictions is not valid.

(b) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.18: Number of children exiting out-of-home care, who were on a care and protection order, by number of placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Queensland, 2003–04 and 2004–05

	2003–04	2004–05
1 month to less than 1 year in out-of-home care		
1 placement	220	394
2 placements	108	132
3 placements	50	34
4–5 placements	16	18
6–10 placements	11	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	405	578
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	44	68
2 placements	34	55
3 placements	14	40
4–5 placements	18	27
6–10 placements	18	5
11 or more placements	2	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	130	195
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	42	57
2 placements	18	31
3 placements	21	33
4–5 placements	22	31
6–10 placements	21	18
11 or more placements	5	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	129	170
5 years or more in out-of-home care		
1 placement	25	35
2 placements	20	33
3 placements	9	19
4–5 placements	21	23
6–10 placements	19	15
11 or more placements	9	1
Unknown	—	—
Total children	103	126
All children		
1 placement	331	554
2 placements	180	251
3 placements	94	126
4–5 placements	77	99
6–10 placements	69	38
11 or more placements	16	1
Unknown	—	—
Total children exiting out-of-home care	767	1,069

Notes

- For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
- 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 6 months prior to exiting care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.19: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Queensland, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	217	241	287	342	368	458
Other children	422	478	537	587	727	1,053
All children	639	719	824	929	1,095	1,511
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	36.7	37.8	40.5	42.1	38.4	35.9
Other children	20.7	20.1	21.1	19.7	21.0	24.0
All children	24.3	23.9	25.3	24.5	24.8	26.7

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.20: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Queensland, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	364	397	476	548	685	923
Other children	1,289	1,540	1,705	2,052	2,426	3,072
All children	1,653	1,937	2,181	2,600	3,111	3,995
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	96.8	96.6	97.9	99.1	99.9	99.9
Other children	98.8	98.9	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.6
All children	98.4	98.4	99.0	99.4	99.6	99.7

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.21: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Queensland, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	217	241	288	342	368	458
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	188	185	204	204	239	368
Total placed in accordance with Principle	405	426	492	546	607	826
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	187	211	216	267	351	449
Independent living/unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children in care	592	637	708	813	958	1,275
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	36.6	37.8	40.6	42.0	38.4	35.9
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	31.8	29.0	28.8	25.1	24.9	28.9
Total placed in accordance with Principle	68.4	66.9	69.5	67.2	63.3	64.8
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	31.6	33.1	30.5	32.8	36.7	35.2
Total Indigenous children in care	n.a.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(b) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Western Australia

Table A1.22: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Western Australia, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Number of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	1,169	1,191	1,187	888	968	1,104
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	1,196	1,201	1,240	947	1,056	1,287
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>2,365</i>	<i>2,392</i>	<i>2,427</i>	<i>1,835</i>	<i>2,024</i>	<i>2,391</i>
Investigations not finalised	212	367	510	373	294	771
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>2,577</i>	<i>2,759</i>	<i>2,937</i>	<i>2,208</i>	<i>2,318</i>	<i>3,162</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	68	92	108	85	99	44
Total notifications	2,645	2,851	3,045	2,293	2,417	3,206
Proportion of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	44.2	41.8	39.0	38.7	40.0	34.4
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	45.2	42.1	40.7	41.3	43.7	40.1
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>89.4</i>	<i>83.9</i>	<i>79.7</i>	<i>80.0</i>	<i>83.7</i>	<i>74.6</i>
Investigations not finalised	8.0	12.9	16.7	16.3	12.2	24.0
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>97.4</i>	<i>96.8</i>	<i>96.5</i>	<i>96.3</i>	<i>95.9</i>	<i>98.6</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	2.6	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.1	1.4
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) 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.

(b) 'Other notifications' include those not investigated or dealt with by other means.

Note: If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.23: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Western Australia, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	43	55	32	39	36	19
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	104	119	98	119	84	69
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	3.8	4.9	2.8	3.5	4.3	2.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	9.1	10.5	8.7	10.7	9.9	7.4

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.24: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Western Australia, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	24	33	34	31	22	14
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	63	86	81	98	62	57
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.3	1.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	6.2	6.9	7.5	8.9	6.5	5.7

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.25: Number of children exiting out-of-home care, who were on a care and protection order, by number of placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Western Australia, 2003-04 and 2004-05

	2003-04	2004-05
1 month to less than 1 year in out-of-home care		
1 placement	10	10
2 placements	18	11
3 placements	2	2
4-5 placements	1	4
6-10 placements	—	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	31	27
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	6	5
2 placements	9	11
3 placements	3	3
4-5 placements	2	2
6-10 placements	3	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	23	21
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	15	14
2 placements	8	31
3 placements	6	8
4-5 placements	8	17
6-10 placements	7	6
11 or more placements	1	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	45	76
5 years or more in out-of-home care		
1 placement	8	13
2 placements	7	11
3 placements	5	7
4-5 placements	9	18
6-10 placements	18	18
11 or more placements	10	13
Unknown	—	—
Total children	57	80
All children		
1 placement	39	42
2 placements	42	64
3 placements	16	20
4-5 placements	20	41
6-10 placements	28	24
11 or more placements	11	13
Unknown	—	—
Total children exiting out-of-home care	156	204

Notes

1. For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
2. 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 6 months prior to exiting care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.26: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Western Australia, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001 ^(a)	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	184	223	280	323	319	400
Other children	157	214	228	284	304	337
All children	341	437	508	607	623	737
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	43.8	48.9	54.8	56.7	54.3	57.8
Other children	17.3	21.8	23.2	27.2	27.8	29.6
All children	25.7	30.4	34.0	37.6	37.1	40.3

(a) During 2001–02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001–02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.27: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Western Australia, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001 ^(a)	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	260	314	347	399	403	480
Other children	524	570	569	631	655	700
All children	784	884	916	1,030	1,058	1,180
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	80.7	90.2	87.8	92.1	89.8	91.8
Other children	91.9	93.1	93.4	94.5	92.4	93.0
All children	87.9	92.1	91.2	93.6	91.4	92.5

(a) During 2001–02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001–02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.28: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001 ^(a)	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(b)	191	223	280	323	315	400
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	135	136	125	140	155	168
Total placed in accordance with Principle	326	359	405	463	470	568
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(c)	94	89	101	101	110	115
Independent living/unknown	—	8	5	6	7	9
Total Indigenous children in care	420	456	511	570	587	692
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(b)	45.4	49.8	55.3	57.3	54.3	58.6
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	32.1	30.3	24.7	24.8	26.7	24.6
Total placed in accordance with Principle	77.6	80.1	80.0	82.1	81.0	83.2
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(c)	22.4	19.9	20.0	17.9	19.0	16.8
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) During 2001–02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001–02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

(b) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(c) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

South Australia

Table A1.29: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, South Australia, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Number of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	2,085	1,998	2,230	2,423	2,490	2,384
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	2,917	3,126	3,385	3,705	3,893	3,866
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>5,002</i>	<i>5,124</i>	<i>5,615</i>	<i>6,128</i>	<i>6,383</i>	<i>6,250</i>
Investigations not finalised	16	32	18	47	62	29
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>5,018</i>	<i>5,156</i>	<i>5,633</i>	<i>6,175</i>	<i>6,445</i>	<i>6,279</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	10,163	4,832	5,570	7,267	8,472	11,194
Total notifications	15,181	9,988	11,203	13,442	14,917	17,473
Proportion of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	13.7	20.0	19.9	18.0	16.7	13.6
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	19.2	31.3	30.2	27.6	26.1	22.1
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>51.3</i>	<i>50.1</i>	<i>45.6</i>	<i>42.8</i>	<i>35.8</i>
Investigations not finalised	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>51.6</i>	<i>50.3</i>	<i>45.9</i>	<i>43.2</i>	<i>35.9</i>
Other notifications ^(b)	66.9	48.4	49.7	54.1	56.8	64.1
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) 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.

(b) 'Other notifications' include those dealt with by other means (e.g. provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police); and those notifications not investigated or dealt with by other means.

Note: If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.30: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, South Australia, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	242	263	286	244	305	304
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	387	408	401	426	497	526
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	13.7	15.4	17.2	13.8	16.0	15.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	21.9	23.9	24.2	24.1	26.0	26.9

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.31: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, South Australia, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	n.a.	167	162	165	199	223
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	n.a.	342	353	411	475	476
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	n.a.	7.7	6.9	6.5	7.4	8.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	n.a.	15.7	15.1	16.1	17.6	17.1

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.32: Number of children exiting out-of-home care, who were on a care and protection order, by number of placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, South Australia, 2003–04 and 2004–05

	2003–04	2004–05
1 month to less than 1 year in out-of-home care		
1 placement	23	20
2 placements	25	9
3 placements	6	8
4–5 placements	3	2
6–10 placements	3	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	60	39
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	10	12
2 placements	12	8
3 placements	7	7
4–5 placements	5	10
6–10 placements	13	7
11 or more placements	1	1
Unknown	—	—
Total children	48	45
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	7	7
2 placements	3	7
3 placements	9	3
4–5 placements	6	7
6–10 placements	15	9
11 or more placements	2	6
Unknown	—	—
Total children	42	39
5 years or more in out-of-home care		
1 placement	8	6
2 placements	5	8
3 placements	4	8
4–5 placements	12	4
6–10 placements	13	9
11 or more placements	11	5
Unknown	—	—
Total children	53	40
All children		
1 placement	48	45
2 placements	45	32
3 placements	26	26
4–5 placements	26	23
6–10 placements	44	25
11 or more placements	14	12
Unknown	—	—
Total children exiting out-of-home care	203	163

Notes

1. For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
2. 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 6 months prior to exiting care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.33: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, South Australia, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	n.a.	47	55	52	52	82
Other children	n.a.	100	104	121	142	182
All children	n.a.	147	159	173	194	264
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	n.a.	20.7	23.7	20.6	22.0	28.7
Other children	n.a.	10.5	10.8	12.2	14.7	17.4
All children	n.a.	12.5	13.3	13.9	16.1	19.9

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.34: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, South Australia, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	144	153	152	167	156	189
Other children	519	538	479	562	590	629
All children	663	691	631	729	746	818
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	100.0	100.0	99.3	99.4	99.4	98.4
Other children	99.8	99.8	93.4	98.4	99.0	97.8
All children	99.8	99.9	99.1	98.6	99.1	98.0

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.35: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	n.a.	47	55	52	52	82
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	n.a.	111	112	113	131	136
Total placed in accordance with Principle	n.a.	158	167	165	183	218
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	n.a.	69	65	87	53	68
Independent living/unknown	n.a.	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children in care	n.a.	227	232	252	236	286
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	n.a.	20.7	23.7	20.7	22.1	28.7
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	n.a.	48.9	48.3	44.8	55.5	47.6
Total placed in accordance with Principle	n.a.	69.6	72.0	65.5	77.5	76.2
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	n.a.	30.4	28.0	34.5	22.5	23.8
Total Indigenous children in care	n.a.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(b) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Tasmania

Table A1.36: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Tasmania, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of notifications investigated^(b)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	97	103	158	213	427	782
Carer/family issues	77	28	19	..	..	..
Not substantiated	182	137	219	335	508	551
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>548</i>	<i>935</i>	<i>1,333</i>
Investigations not finalised	24	10	57	93	359	500
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>453</i>	<i>641</i>	<i>1,294</i>	<i>1,833</i>
Other notifications ^(c)	42	37	55	100	5,954	8,955
Total notifications	422	315	508	741	7,248	10,788
Proportion of notifications investigated^(b)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	23.0	32.7	31.1	28.7	5.9	7.2
Carer/family issues	18.2	8.9	3.7	..	..	..
Not substantiated	43.1	43.5	43.1	45.2	7.0	5.1
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>84.4</i>	<i>85.1</i>	<i>78.0</i>	<i>74.0</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>12.4</i>
Investigations not finalised	5.7	3.2	11.2	12.6	5.0	4.6
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>90.0</i>	<i>88.3</i>	<i>89.2</i>	<i>86.5</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>17.0</i>
Other notifications ^(c)	10.0	11.7	10.8	13.5	82.1	83.0
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Data on notifications for 2003–04 should not be compared to previous years. This is because of a change in recording practices due to the centralisation of the intake service. Now every call about a child is recorded as a notification, whereas previously workers made the decision locally about whether the call was a notification.

(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) 'Other notifications' include those dealt with by other means (e.g. provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police); and those notifications not investigated or dealt with by other means.

Notes

1. If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.
2. Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines in July 1997. These new guidelines are likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations between 1999–00 and 2000–01.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.37: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Tasmania, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	6	7	5	3	4	1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	10	13	8	6	16	31
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	4.9	8.9	5.0	1.9	1.9	0.3
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	8.2	16.5	7.9	3.9	7.7	9.4

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.38: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Tasmania, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	4	9	4	1	3	1
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	13	10	22	15	21	27
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	1.7	6.6	3.2	0.5	1.3	0.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	5.5	7.4	17.5	6.8	9.3	7.2

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.39: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Tasmania, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	13	11	11	6	16	19
Other children	207	208	214	65	97	107
All children	220	219	225	71	113	126
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	34.2	35.5	37.9	14.0	29.1	24.4
Other children	40.6	38.4	41.6	15.3	22.5	21.5
All children	40.1	38.3	41.4	15.2	23.2	21.9

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.40: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Tasmania, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	16	13	8	14	21	43
Other children	245	267	257	211	248	296
All children	261	280	265	225	269	339
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	80.0	76.5	61.5	51.9	65.6	87.8
Other children	89.1	88.7	87.1	75.4	90.5	90.8
All children	88.5	88.1	86.0	73.3	87.9	90.4

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.41: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	13	11	11	6	16	19
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	3	1	2	1	3	1
Total placed in accordance with Principle	16	12	13	7	19	20
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	22	19	16	35	28	54
Independent living/unknown	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1	8	4
Total Indigenous children in care	38	31	29	43	55	78
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	34.2	35.5	37.9	14.3	34.1	25.7
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	7.9	3.2	6.9	2.4	6.4	1.4
Total placed in accordance with Principle	42.1	38.7	44.8	16.7	40.4	27.0
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	57.9	61.3	55.2	83.3	59.6	73.0
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(b) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Australian Capital Territory

Table A1.42: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australian Capital Territory, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03 ^(a)	2003–04	2004–05
Number of notifications investigated^(b)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	233	222	220	310	630	1,213
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	685	355	302	485	770	1,316
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>918</i>	<i>577</i>	<i>522</i>	<i>795</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>2,529</i>
Investigations not finalised	113	107	128	452	978	488
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>1,031</i>	<i>684</i>	<i>650</i>	<i>1,247</i>	<i>2,378</i>	<i>3,017</i>
Other notifications ^(c)	158	110	151	877	2,947	4,258
Total notifications	1,189	794	801	2,124	5,325	7,275
Proportion of notifications investigated^(b)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	19.6	28.0	27.5	14.6	11.8	16.7
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	57.6	44.7	37.7	22.8	14.5	18.1
<i>Total finalised</i>	<i>77.2</i>	<i>72.7</i>	<i>65.2</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>26.3</i>	<i>34.8</i>
Investigations not finalised	9.5	13.5	16.0	21.3	18.4	6.7
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	<i>86.7</i>	<i>86.1</i>	<i>81.1</i>	<i>58.7</i>	<i>44.7</i>	<i>41.5</i>
Other notifications ^(c)	13.3	13.9	18.9	41.3	55.3	58.5
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) In 2002–03, the ACT changed the arrangements for recording reports of concerns about children and young people. This and stricter mandatory reporting guidelines have led to an increase in numbers.

(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) 'Other notifications' include those dealt with by other means (e.g. provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police); and those notifications not investigated or dealt with by other means.

Notes

1. If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.
2. In 1999–00 child protection policies were changed to focus on the level of harm to the child rather than an incident. This change is likely to be the main reason for the decrease in the number of substantiations.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.43: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	17	21	18	12	22	78
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	28	34	25	27	33	169
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	4.3	11.1	8.9	2.6	8.3	16.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	7.1	17.9	12.3	5.8	12.4	34.6

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.44: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	19	n.a.	4	4	14	42
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	38	n.a.	24	17	59	125
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	2.4	n.a.	1.3	1.5	3.5	11.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	4.8	n.a.	7.7	6.5	14.8	34.7

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.45: Number of children exiting out-of-home care, who were on a care and protection order, by number of placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory, 2003–04 and 2004–05

	2003–04	2004–05
1 month to less than 1 year in out-of-home care		
1 placement	26	72
2 placements	9	17
3 placements	8	2
4–5 placements	3	—
6–10 placements	—	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	46	91
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	2	5
2 placements	1	7
3 placements	—	3
4–5 placements	1	1
6–10 placements	—	1
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	4	17
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	—	8
2 placements	1	6
3 placements	—	1
4–5 placements	—	2
6–10 placements	1	2
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	2	19
5 years or more in out-of-home care		
1 placement	5	1
2 placements	2	3
3 placements	2	2
4–5 placements	1	—
6–10 placements	1	1
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	11	7
All children		
1 placement	33	86
2 placements	13	33
3 placements	10	8
4–5 placements	5	3
6–10 placements	2	4
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children exiting out-of-home care	63	134

Notes

1. For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
2. 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 6 months prior to exiting care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.46: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	9	11	7	22	29	21
Other children	42	44	56	76	82	92
All children	51	55	63	98	111	113
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	37.5	37.9	25.9	45.8	50.0	35.0
Other children	28.0	23.7	28.4	33.2	34.2	32.6
All children	29.3	25.6	28.1	35.4	37.2	33.0

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.47: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	21	19	20	28	35	36
Other children	109	116	119	137	154	161
All children	130	135	139	165	189	197
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	100.0	95.0	95.2	90.3	100.0	100.0
Other children	99.1	98.3	98.3	93.8	98.7	98.2
All children	99.2	97.8	97.9	93.2	99.0	98.5

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.48: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	9	11	7	22	29	22
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	11	6	13	5	6	16
Total placed in accordance with Principle	20	17	20	27	35	38
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	9	12	7	21	23	20
Independent living/unknown	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total Indigenous children in care	29	29	27	48	58	60
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(a)	31.0	37.9	25.9	45.9	50.0	38.0
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	37.9	20.7	48.1	10.4	10.3	27.6
Total placed in accordance with Principle	69.0	58.6	74.1	56.3	60.3	65.5
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(b)	31.0	41.4	25.9	43.8	39.7	34.5
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(b) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Northern Territory

Table A1.49: Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Northern Territory, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Number of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	393	349	349	327	527	473
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	382	406	475	418	484	530
<i>Total finalised</i>	775	755	824	745	1,011	1,003
Investigations not finalised	4	14	11	145	61	177
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	779	769	835	890	1,072	1,180
Other notifications ^(b)	658	782	770	664	885	921
Total notifications	1,437	1,551	1,605	1,554	1,957	2,101
Proportion of notifications investigated^(a)						
Investigations finalised						
Substantiated	27.3	22.5	21.7	21.0	26.9	22.5
Carer/family issues	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	26.6	26.2	29.6	26.9	24.7	25.2
<i>Total finalised</i>	53.9	48.7	51.3	47.9	51.7	47.7
Investigations not finalised	0.3	0.9	0.7	9.3	3.1	8.4
<i>Total notifications investigated</i>	54.2	49.6	52.0	57.3	54.8	56.2
Other notifications ^(b)	45.8	50.4	48.0	42.7	45.2	43.8
Total notifications	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) 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.

(b) 'Other notifications' include those not investigated or dealt with by other means.

Notes

1. If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.
2. The Northern Territory includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.50: Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Northern Territory, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	n.a.	n.a.	8	7	9	14
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	n.a.	n.a.	20	35	31	38
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within 3 months	n.a.	n.a.	2.4	2.1	2.9	2.8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	n.a.	n.a.	6.0	10.5	9.9	7.7

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.51: Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 or 12 months, Northern Territory, 1999–00 to 2004–05

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04 ^(a)	2004–05
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	n.a.	n.a.	10	6	7	14
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	n.a.	n.a.	25	22	30	53
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within 3 months	n.a.	n.a.	3.0	1.4	2.0	3.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	n.a.	n.a.	7.4	5.0	8.4	12.0

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed since previous reports, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003–04. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003–04 with previous years.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Table A1.52: Number of children exiting out-of-home care, who were on a care and protection order, by number of placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Northern Territory, 2003–04 and 2004–05

	2003–04	2004–05
1 month to less than 1 year in out-of-home care		
1 placement	32	13
2 placements	6	11
3 placements	3	2
4–5 placements	6	2
6–10 placements	1	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	48	28
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	2	5
2 placements	1	6
3 placements	1	3
4–5 placements	1	—
6–10 placements	—	1
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	5	15
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care		
1 placement	—	2
2 placements	—	1
3 placements	—	—
4–5 placements	—	2
6–10 placements	—	4
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	—	9
5 years or more in out-of-home care		
1 placement	1	3
2 placements	1	—
3 placements	—	—
4–5 placements	1	2
6–10 placements	—	—
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children	3	5
All children		
1 placement	35	23
2 placements	8	18
3 placements	4	5
4–5 placements	8	6
6–10 placements	1	5
11 or more placements	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total children exiting out-of-home care	56	57

Notes

1. For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
2. 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 6 months prior to exiting care

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.53: Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Northern Territory, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	22	29	22	34	44	45
Other children	4	9	7	12	16	12
All children	26	38	29	46	60	57
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	23.4	29.0	21.0	23.9	25.1	20.6
Other children	4.9	14.1	12.1	14.8	19.3	11.3
All children	14.8	23.2	17.8	20.6	23.3	17.6

Note: 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.54: Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Northern Territory, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	73	76	83	105	131	160
Other children	52	39	38	45	44	69
All children	125	115	121	150	175	229
As a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	86.9	90.5	93.3	92.1	92.9	95.2
Other children	92.9	95.1	97.4	86.5	89.8	93.2
All children	89.3	92.0	94.5	90.4	92.1	94.6

Note: The percentage of children aged 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.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Table A1.55: Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory, 2000 to 2005

	2000	2001 ^(a)	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(b)	28	38	22	51	67	79
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	26	29	54	43	53	71
Total placed in accordance with Principle	54	67	76	94	120	150
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(c)	40	33	27	47	55	68
Independent living/unknown	n.a.	—	2	1	—	—
Total Indigenous children in care	94	100	105	142	175	218
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excluding Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Placed with relatives/kin ^(b)	29.8	38.0	21.4	36.2	38.3	36.2
Other Indigenous caregiver/Indigenous residential care	27.7	29.0	52.4	30.5	30.3	32.6
Total placed in accordance with Principle	57.4	67.0	73.8	66.7	68.6	68.8
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Total not placed in accordance with Principle^(c)	42.6	33.0	26.2	33.3	31.4	31.2
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) In 2001–02 the number of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relatives/kin may be under enumerated due to data entry error.

(b) This category includes placement with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives/kin.

(c) This category includes placement with other non-Indigenous caregivers or in non-Indigenous residential care.

Note: The definition of relatives/kin used in this table is broader than the definition in other tables because it includes kin relationships based on customary law.

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

Appendix 2: Population data

Table A2.1: Annual target population data for children aged 0–17 years, by state and territory ('000)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous children						
NSW	61.3	62.3	63.0	63.5	64.0	64.4
Vic	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.0
Qld	57.1	58.0	59.0	60.0	60.8	61.6
WA	29.3	29.7	30.1	30.3	30.6	30.7
SA	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8
Tas	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
NT	23.6	23.9	24.2	24.3	24.5	24.6
Australia	205.0	207.9	210.5	212.7	214.6	216.4
Non-Indigenous children						
NSW	1,539.0	1,550.7	1,545.5	1,537.2	1,529.2	1,527.9
Vic	1,135.9	1,142.9	1,142.5	1,141.8	1,142.4	1,145.3
Qld	860.8	871.5	881.3	891.1	901.0	911.9
WA	454.5	456.2	454.7	453.5	453.5	455.1
SA	344.3	342.6	339.9	337.4	334.7	332.9
Tas	112.6	111.8	110.5	109.8	109.5	108.9
ACT	77.9	77.6	76.8	75.8	74.9	74.0
NT	36.1	36.1	35.5	34.9	34.7	34.9
Australia	4,561.9	4,590.3	4,587.6	4,582.5	4,580.7	4,591.6
All children						
NSW	1,600.3	1,613.0	1,608.5	1,600.7	1,593.2	1,592.3
Vic	1,148.3	1,155.4	1,155.2	1,154.6	1,155.3	1,158.3
Qld	917.9	929.5	940.3	951.1	961.8	973.5
WA	483.8	485.9	484.8	483.8	484.1	485.8
SA	355.7	354.1	351.5	349.1	346.4	344.7
Tas	120.7	119.9	118.6	118.0	117.7	117.1
ACT	79.6	79.4	78.6	77.6	76.7	75.8
NT	59.7	60.0	59.7	59.2	59.2	59.5
Australia	4,766.9	4,798.2	4,798.1	4,795.2	4,795.3	4,808.0

Sources: ABS Australian demographic statistics 30 June, 1982–2005; ABS Indigenous population estimates and projections, 1999–2005.

Table A2.2: Annual target population data for children aged 0–12 years, by state and territory ('000)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous children						
NSW	46.9	47.3	47.3	47.4	47.3	47.3
Vic	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.3
Qld	44.0	44.5	44.9	45.2	45.4	45.5
WA	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
SA	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.4	22.4	22.5
Tas	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
ACT	17.6	17.8	17.9	18.0	18.0	18.0
NT	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Australia	156.2	157.3	157.9	158.4	158.3	158.5
Non-Indigenous children						
NSW	1,111.0	1,118.9	1,111.9	1,102.2	1,092.3	1,087.3
Vic	819.4	822.1	820.6	818.2	816.0	814.7
Qld	615.6	625.1	631.4	637.3	642.0	646.9
WA	336.6	337.1	334.9	333.2	332.9	333.5
SA	230.8	229.2	227.2	225.2	222.9	220.4
Tas	79.9	79.5	78.2	77.7	77.3	76.7
ACT	39.0	38.7	38.0	37.1	36.3	35.6
NT	43.4	43.7	43.3	42.9	42.6	42.6
Australia	3,276.2	3,294.6	3,286.1	3,274.4	3,263.1	3,258.4
All children						
NSW	1,157.9	1,166.2	1,159.2	1,149.6	1,139.6	1,134.6
Vic	828.9	831.6	830.1	827.6	825.4	824.0
Qld	659.6	669.6	676.3	682.5	687.4	692.4
WA	345.2	345.6	343.5	341.8	341.5	342.1
SA	253.1	251.5	249.5	247.6	245.3	242.9
Tas	85.9	85.4	84.1	83.6	83.2	82.6
ACT	56.6	56.5	55.9	55.1	54.3	53.6
NT	44.7	45.0	44.6	44.3	44.0	44.0
Australia	3,432.4	3,451.9	3,444.0	3,432.8	3,421.4	3,416.9

Sources: ABS Australian demographic statistics 30 June, 1982–2005; ABS Indigenous population estimates and projections, 1999–2005.

Glossary

Although each jurisdiction has its own legislation, policies and practices in relation to child protection, the processes used to protect children are broadly similar. This glossary provides a simplified version of the main terms used in child protection systems across Australia.

Care and protection order

Refers to a legal order or administrative arrangement issued for protective reasons. A care and protection order involves the community services department with a child over and above what is generally considered normal for most children, or has an assumption that the department will have carriage of the order (or a substantial part of it). The involvement might take the form of total responsibility for the welfare of the child (for example, guardianship); or responsibility for overseeing the actions of the person or authority caring for the child; or responsibility for providing or arranging accommodation or reporting or giving consideration to the child's welfare. Depending on the state or territory regulation under which the order is issued, the order can be from a court, Children's Panel, Minister of the Crown, authorised community services department officer (for example, director) or similar tribunal or officer.

Child protection notification, investigation, substantiation and resubstantiation

Notification

Child protection notifications consist of reports made to an authorised department by persons or other bodies making allegations of child abuse or neglect, child maltreatment or harm to a child. Notifications should not include reports regarding wider concerns about children or families which are classified as child concern reports.

A notification can only involve one child; where it is claimed that two children have been abused or neglected, this is counted as two notifications, even if the children are from one family. Where there is more than one notification about the same 'event', this should be counted as only one notification. Where there is more than one notification between 1 July 1999 and 30 June 2005, but relating to different events (for instance, a different type of abuse or neglect or a different person believed responsible for the abuse or neglect), these notifications should be counted as separate notifications.

Investigation

An investigation is the process whereby the community services department obtains more detailed information about a child who is the subject of a notification and makes an assessment about the harm or degree of harm to the child and their protective needs. An investigation includes the interviewing or sighting of the subject child where it is practicable to do so.

Investigations included in the national data collection included in this report relate to those child protection notifications of children aged 0–17 years that were made to an authorised department between 1 July 1999 and 30 June 2005, and which were subsequently investigated.

Substantiation

A substantiation in the national data collection is a child protection notification made to relevant authorities during the financial year ending 30 June, which was investigated and the

investigation was finalised by 31 August of the following financial year, and it was concluded that there was reasonable cause to believe that the child had been, was being or was likely to be abused or neglected or otherwise harmed.

Resubstantiation

Children who are the subject of a resubstantiation are those who were the subject of a substantiation in a given year, and were also the subject of at least one subsequent notification within the periods specified (3 months and 12 months) that was subsequently substantiated. The subsequent notification must be made after the initial substantiation.

Out-of-home care

Refers to out-of-home overnight care for children and young people under 18 years of age, where the state or territory makes a financial payment to the carer. This includes placements with relatives/kin (other than parents), placements in facility-based or residential care, foster care and independent living arrangements. It does not include placements made in disability services, medical or psychiatric services, juvenile justice facilities, overnight childcare services or supported accommodation assistance placements. The data exclude children in unfunded placements and also children living with parents where the state makes a financial payment.

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