

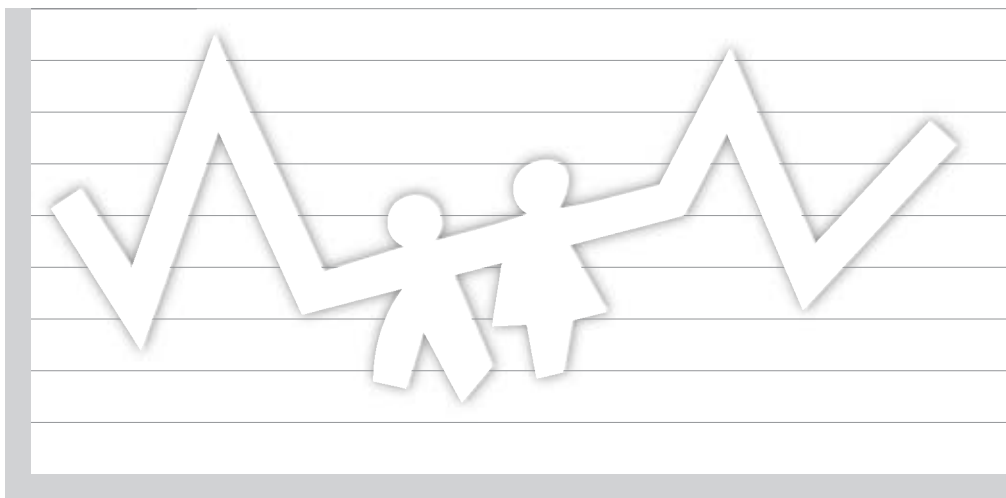


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ABBREVIATIONS

ATO	Australian Taxation Office
CCB	Child Care Benefit
CDBR	Culturally Diverse Background
COM	Community based long day care
FACS	Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services
FAO	Family Assistance Office
FDC	Family day care
F/T	Full-time
HIC	Health Insurance Commission
IHC	In-home care
MACS	Multifunctional Aboriginal children's services
No.	Number
OSHC	Outside school hours care
P/T	Part-time
PRI	Private long day care
SUPS	Supplementary Services
SNSS	Special Needs Subsidy Scheme
WKS	Weeks

INTRODUCTION

Australian Government Child Care Support assists families with dependent children by:

- ▶ Helping families to participate in the economic and social life of the community through providing support for child care.
- ▶ Helping families to balance their work and parenting roles by providing flexible child care services.
- ▶ Promoting quality child care, contributing to the education and development of children.
- ▶ Providing a focus for early intervention and prevention initiatives for vulnerable families and children.

The Australian Government Census of Child Care Services has been conducted regularly since 1986. Census information has been essential for determining how the objectives of Australian Government Child Care Support are being met, and for future planning and policy development.

The information provided in the Census is the most comprehensive data available on Australian Government funded child care. It is used extensively within Australian Government Child Care Support for monitoring growth, operation of services, determining how the objectives are being met and assisting in policy formulation and planning. Externally the data is made available to State and local government, peak child care organisations, the Productivity Commission Review of Government Services and for research into child care.

This booklet details the findings of the 2002 Census of Child Care Services conducted by the Department of Family and Community Services. It provides details of child care users, staff and carers and operational details of child care services. The specific week in which services were surveyed is referred to as the 'reference week' for the Census.

The report contains information about 10 service types funded through Australian Government Child Care Support. The following table indicates the dates each service type was surveyed:

SERVICE TYPE	DATE OF CENSUS
Long Day Care centres (Private and Community based)	13 to 19 May
Family Day Care schemes	13 to 19 May
In-home Care services ⁽¹⁾	13 to 19 May
Outside School Hours Care services	13 to 17 May
Vacation Care services (NSW, Vic, SA, WA, NT, ACT)	8 to 12 July ⁽²⁾
Occasional Care services	13 to 17 May
Multifunctional Children's services	13 to 19 May
Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's services	13 to 19 May
Mobile and Toy Library services	13 to 26 May
Aboriginal Playgroups and Enrichment Programs	13 to 17 May

(1) In-home care was introduced as an approved service type in January 2001 and this is the first Census in which it has been included.

(2) Tasmania's date for Vacation Care services was 3 to 7 June and Queensland's date for Vacation Care services was 24 to 28 June. The date variations were due to the difference in vacation care periods across the States.

A brief description of each of these service types is included in the glossary in Appendix A.

Appendix B shows the complete list of data items collected.

The following points should be noted when analysing data from the 2002 Census of Child Care Services and when comparing data from previous years:

- ▶ Due to definitional changes, the 2002 Census private long day care and community based long day care counts are not comparable with the 1999 private long day care and community based long day care counts. In 1999, a service was classified as being 'private' or 'community based' depending on the management structure of the service. In 2002, classification is based on the management structure of the legal entity that owns the service.
- ▶ The data in this report has not been weighted up for non-responding services. This is consistent with the data in the report on the 1999 Census and reports prior to 1996 (the data in the 1996 and 1997 reports was weighted up for non-responding services). In comparing counts of services, children and staff across Censuses response rates must be taken into account.
- ▶ The 2002 Census, 1999 Census and all Censuses prior to that which surveyed family day care schemes surveyed all family day care schemes. However, due to the introduction of Child Care Benefit the 2001 Census only surveyed family day care schemes using the 'Harmony' software system. For this reason care should be taken in comparing family day care results between the 2002 and 2001 Censuses.
- ▶ On 1 July 2000 Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Cash Rebate were replaced by the new Child Care Benefit payment. Child Care Benefit extended eligibility to a wider range of families and increased benefits available by making the income test more generous.
- ▶ The 2002 Census was conducted in the month of May, as was the 1999 Census. The 1997 Census, and previous Censuses were conducted in the month of August.

THE CENSUS

Process

Questionnaires were sent to those services receiving funding under Australian Government Child Care Support, which were operational at 28 March 2002.

An electronic Census form was provided for long day care centres in 2002. The response to the form was encouraging, with over one third (35%) of responding services using the form. This is a substantial improvement over the 21% of responding services using the electronic form supplied with the 1999 Census. Further development of electronic data collection will be carried out for the next child care Census. Family day care schemes have been providing data electronically since 1997, with 90% of the responding schemes providing data electronically in 2002.

Data on service operation and characteristics of the children, parents and staff were recorded. Returned forms underwent clerical and computer checking before being included in the final analysis.

A high proportion of services participated in the Census (see Table 1). A total of 8,719 established services were asked to participate in the 2002 Census of Child Care Services. Of these, 7,395 services provided information that has been included in this report. The overall response rate was 85%. Response rates for each service type are: 79% for private long day care centres, 94% for community based long day care centres, 96% for family day care schemes, 90% for in-home care schemes, 88% for outside school hours care services, 79% for vacation care services, 92% for occasional care services, 100% for multifunctional children's services, 86% for multifunctional Aboriginal children's services, 79% for mobile and toy library services, 100% for Aboriginal playgroup and enrichment programs.

In 1991 the overall response rate of the Census was around 96%. The current Census response rate of 85%, while high, does continue a steady decline in Census response rates evident since 1991. Work will be undertaken in the development of the next Census to try to address this issue.

All tables included in this report are based on the response rates outlined above, and do not indicate total child care provision. Because the response rate was not 100%, the data cannot be used in absolute numbers. However, the response rate was very high and the results can be regarded as highly representative. The information provides a profile of each service type and can be used indicatively to make comparisons between States and service types and to derive estimates of actual usage.

Context

Child care is an integral part of the Government's Stronger Families outcome as it helps children to learn and develop and parents to balance work and family commitments. Families can access assistance more easily since the introduction of Child Care Benefit and the creation of the Family Assistance Office network. Child care services provide resources for parents such as information, education and links to other services, supporting them in better parenting.

The introduction of Child Care Benefit significantly improved affordability of child care. Since July 2000, child care costs have come down 10.2% (ABS CPI statistics, March 2002). Families are now spending less disposable income on child care.

Consequently, many more families now use Australian Government funded child care. The Department of Family and Community Services administrative records indicate that from September quarter 2000 to September quarter 2001, the number of children using child care increased by 11%, from 642,000 to more than 720,000.

The 2000 Budget included a number of initiatives around child care. These initiatives, which all commenced in January 2001, provided for privately operated family day care and outside school hours care; incentives for private operators and employers to establish child care services in rural and regional areas; and funding for 7,770 in-home care places. Of these, 1,080 places were made available in 2000-01 and 1,720 were made available in 2001-02.

Five thousand additional outside school hours care places were provided in the 2001 Budget.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The following summarises the key findings of the 2002 Census and compares them with the results from the 1999 Census.

Services

- ▶ The total number of services asked to participate in the 2002 Census was 8,719. This is an increase of 807 (10%) over the number of services at the time of the 1999 Census.
 - This overall increase incorporates an increase of 420 (21%) in the number of outside school hours care services and an increase of 327 (25%) in the number of vacation care services. In addition, in-home care services (50 services in total) have been included in the Census for the first time.
- ▶ Long day care centres opened on average 10 hours 44 minutes a day. This is very similar to 1999 where on average long day care centres opened for 10 hours 43 minutes a day. Occasional care services opened for 8 hours 6 minutes a day on average, substantially longer than in 1999 (7 hours 18 minutes a day).
- ▶ Between 1999 and 2002 the proportion of outside school hours care services that offered before school care increased substantially from 57% to 66%.
- ▶ The average weekly fee in private long day care centres was \$184, an increase from \$161 in 1999. This compares to an increase from \$171 to \$188 in community based long day care centres.
- ▶ The average weekly fee in family day care schemes (for 50 hours in care) was \$163, an increase from \$139 in 1999.
- ▶ The average fee charged per session was \$5.91 for before school care and \$9.34 for after school care in 2002. This compares with \$5.18 and \$8.23 respectively in 1999.

Children

- ▶ There were an estimated 732,100 children attending child care at May 2002 (this includes an estimate of non-responding services). This compares with an estimated 577,500 children attending care in 1999 (an increase of 27%).
- ▶ At May 2002, 79% of children attending long day care centres attended for less than 30 hours a week. This is exactly the same as in 1999.
- ▶ 79% of children attending family day care schemes attended for less than 30 hours a week. This compares to 80% in 1999. However, only 77% of children attending in-home care schemes attended for less than 30 hours a week.
- ▶ The proportion of children identified as being from a culturally diverse background remained at about 11%. The proportion of children identified as having a disability remained at about 2%.

Staff

- ▶ At May 2002, an estimated 76,185 paid and 4,336 unpaid staff (this includes an estimate for non-responding services), including staff working in family day care coordination units, were providing care in Australian Government funded child care services. There were also an estimated 12,816 family day care caregivers providing care in their own homes and 429 in-home care caregivers providing care in other peoples homes.
 - This compares with an estimated 59,500 paid and 5,000 unpaid staff in 1999. There were also an estimated 12,700 family day care caregivers in 1999.
- ▶ At May 2002, 42% of all staff working in long day care centres were employed full-time, 25% were employed part-time, 27% were paid casuals and 6% were unpaid.
 - This breakdown was very similar to 1999, where 42% were employed full-time, 27% were employed part-time and 27% were paid casual. This breaks a trend away from full-time employment seen in previous Censuses towards part-time and casual work. This may be a result of changing child care usage patterns and/or an easing in the broader labour trend of the last 10 years away from full-time employment towards more flexible forms of employment.
- ▶ Staff in private long day care centres worked on average 28 hours 52 minutes per week in 2002, compared to 26 hours 23 minutes in community based long day care centres. In 1999 staff worked on average 28 hours 43 minutes per week in private long day care centres and 26 hours 18 minutes per week in community based long day care centres.
- ▶ Around 55% of all long day care staff had some type of formal qualification in 2002. This compares to 54% in 1999.
 - 25% of family day care caregivers and 34% of in-home care caregivers had formal qualifications in 2002, compared to 21% of family day care caregivers in 1999.

RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Services

Of the 7,395 services participating in the Census for 2002, 46% were long day care centres, catering for an average of 90 children per centre during the reference week. Family day care schemes represented 4% of total services and catered for an average of 294 children per scheme. Outside school hours care services made up 28% of total services, with an average of 63 children per service, while vacation care services (17%) catered for an average of 65 children per service.

The following table shows the distribution of respondent services in 2002 compared with 1999.

Service Type	Number of respondent services	%	Number of respondent services	%
	1999		2002	
Private centres	2,617	37	2,178	29
Community based centres	1,016	14	1,253	17
Family day care schemes	313	4	318	4
In-home care schemes	-	-	45	1
Outside school hours care services	1,828	26	2,098	28
Vacation care services	1,080	15	1,275	17
Other service types	252	4	228	3
Total	7,106	100	7,395	100

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

The following table provides information from respondent services on the number of children using long day care (including family day care) and outside school hours care services (including vacation care).

Service Type	1996/97 Census	1999 Census	2002 Census
Private Long Day Care¹			
Services	2,593	2,617	2,178
Children	190,755	193,785	200,815
Average children per service	73.6	74.0	92.2
Community Based Long Day Care¹			
Services	1,063	1,016	1,253
Children	79,139	76,450	107,317
Average children per service	74.4	75.2	85.6
Family Day Care			
Services	321	313	318
Children	83,471	81,418	93,450
Average children per service	260	260	294
Outside School Hours Care			
Services	1,703	1,828	2,098
Children	93,941	99,902	131,433
Average children per service	54.8	54.7	62.6
Vacation Care			
Services	577	1,080	1,275
Children	28,289	57,521	82,339
Average children per service	49.0	53.3	64.6

1. *Private and Community Based long day care is not directly comparable between 1999 and 2002 due to changes in the definition of what constitutes a private or community based service¹. The apparently large shift towards community based long day care is most likely a result of this definitional change.*

In all service types the average number of children per service increased markedly between 1999 and 2002. The introduction of Child Care Benefit from 1 July 2000 was almost certainly a factor in this, as Child Care Benefit introduced more generous benefits for families using child care. In particular benefits for middle income families increased and, as a consequence, outside school hours care and vacation care became more affordable for low to middle income working families. Utilisation surveys conducted by the Department of Family and Community Services just prior to, and following the introduction of Child Care Benefit, and also

1 In 1999, a service was classified as being 'private' or 'community based' depending on the management structure of the service. In 2002, classification is based on the management structure of the legal entity that owns the service.

departmental administrative data on Child Care Benefit customers confirm that since the introduction of Child Care Benefit the utilisation of child care services has been steadily increasing.

Services not in receipt of Child Care Benefit (ie. multifunctional children's services, multifunctional Aboriginal children's services, mobiles and toy library services, Aboriginal playgroups and enrichment programs) also show an increase in the average number of children per service, although these are generally not as large as the increases in the table above. One exception is multifunctional children's services, where the average number of children per service increased from 72.4 in 1999 to 84.4 in 2002.

Opening hours

Long day care centres opened on average 10 hours 44 minutes per day with 90% of centres open for 10 hours a day or more. The main use of family day care schemes occurred between the hours of 8am and 6pm. However, family day care also provided extended hours of care. Around 8% of children in family day care received care overnight between the hours of 6pm and 8am. In-home care services also provided extended hours of care, however, as might be expected in this more flexible form of service delivery, a much higher proportion of children (20%) received overnight care.

Very few long day care centres operated on weekends (14 private and 5 community based), and of these only five operated on Sunday (2 private and 3 community based). At May 2002, there were no long day care centres open for 24 hours a day, whereas in both the 1999 and 1996/97 Censuses there were two services that operated for 24 hours a day.

After school care services provided an average of 3 hours 2 minutes of care per day and before school care services provided an average of 1 hour 51 minutes of care per day. Vacation care services operated on average 10 hours 29 minutes per day.

Occasional care services were open for 8 hours 6 minutes per day on average.

The average opening time for multifunctional Aboriginal children's services was 9 hours per day, while the average opening hours for multifunctional children's services was 10 hours per day.

Fees

The overall weekly fee was \$184 for private long day care centres and \$188 for community based centres. In family day care schemes the average weekly fee was \$163. Outside school hours care services charged on average \$5.91 per session for before school care and \$9.34 per session for after school care. Vacation care services charged an average of \$126 per week.

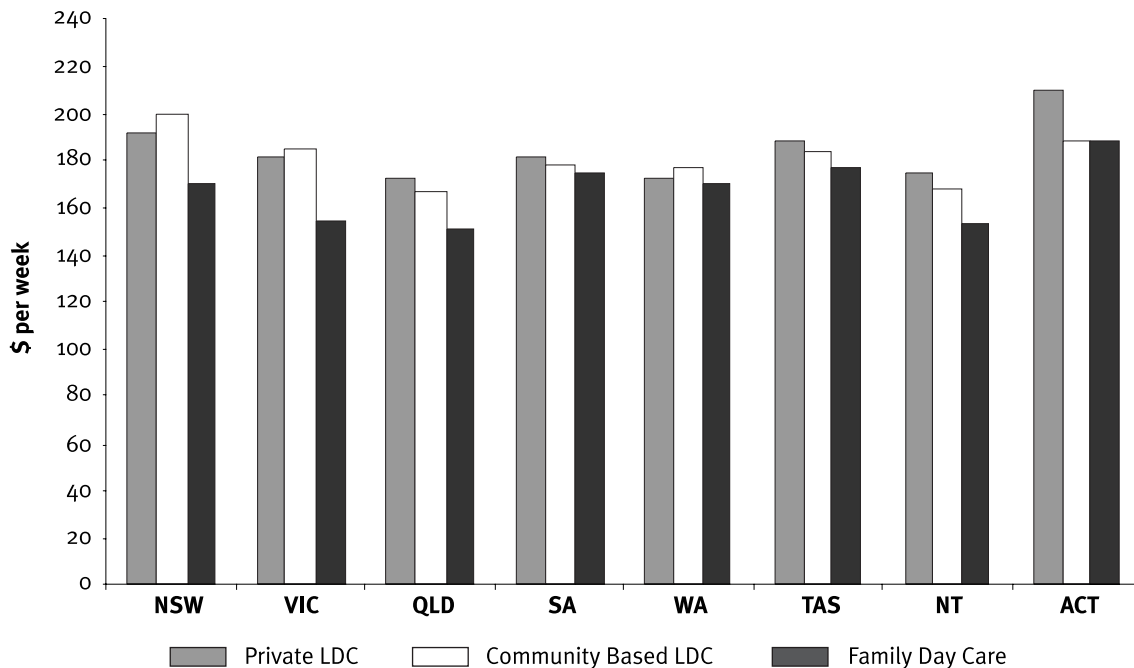
Occasional care and in-home care services usually charge on an hourly basis, with an average \$4.53 per hour being reported for occasional care and \$10.80 per hour being reported for in-home care in the 2002 Census.

State comparison

As shown in the following chart the Australian Capital Territory generally had the highest fees, while Queensland and the Northern Territory had the lowest.

Variations in fees may be due to a number of factors including different State/Territory licensing requirements that determine child/staff ratios, award wages, and whether the fee includes charges for additional services such as nappies and meals.

Comparison of weekly fees by service type by State



Age group fees

For long day care centres, the Census includes tables on specific fees for different age groups i.e. 1 year olds, 2 year olds and 3 year olds (the 3 year old fee is usually paid by the 4-5 year old age group as well). There was a \$9 difference separating the average weekly fees for 1 year olds (\$192), 2 year olds (\$188) and 3 year olds (\$183).

Utilisation

In 2002, the average utilisation in long day care centres, as measured by total child hours paid for as a percentage of total capacity, was 88% (89% in private and 86% in community based long day care). This compares to average utilisation in long day care centres of 72% in 1999 (with 71% in private and 75% in community based long day care centres). In 2002, the average utilisation in family day care schemes was 77%, compared to 70% in 1999.

In 2002, 28% of private long day care centres indicated they had no vacancies, compared to 9% in 1999. This compares with 22% of community based centres in 2002 and 7% in 1999. This increase in the number of long day care centres with no reported vacancies (and corresponding decrease in the number of services with reported vacancies) mirrors the increase in utilisation noted above. The introduction of Child Care Benefit in July 2000, is the most likely cause of this, with more generous benefits available for low and middle income families.

Children

As at May 2002, it was estimated that around 732,100 children (this includes an estimate of non-respondent services) attended Australian Government funded child care services (this data measures occurrences of care and will include some double counting where children attend more than one service). This is an increase of approximately 154,600 (or 27%) since 1999. There were around 464,300 children in long day care (private and community based long day care centres, family day care and in-home care schemes) – an increase of around 79,700 (or 21%) since 1999.

The following table shows the distribution of children (including an estimate of non-responding services) in 2002 compared with 1999 and 1996/97. Of the children attending in May 2002, about 63% were in long day care. Of those in long day care, 55% were in private long day care centres, 24% were in community based long day care centres and 21% were in family day care schemes.

In outside school hours care services the number of children was 148,040, compared to 107,420 in 1999 (an increase of 38%). The number of children in vacation care services in 2002 was 103,560 (69,300 in 1999, an increase of 49%) and 16,280 (16,110 in 1999) in other service types.

Children by service type (including estimates for non-responding services)

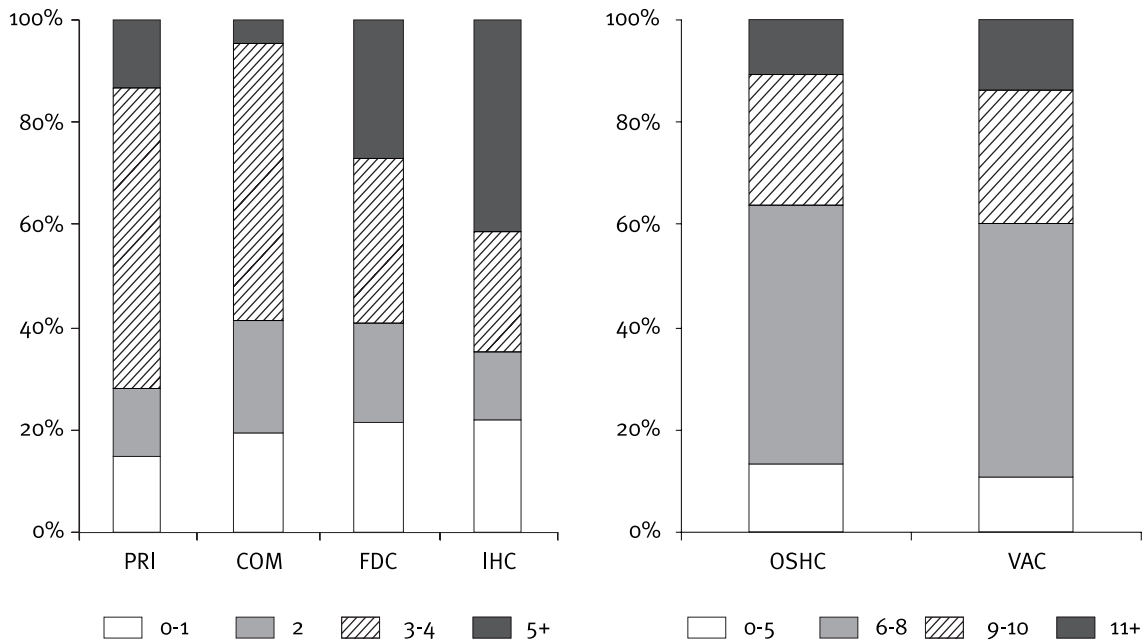
Service Type	1996/97 Census		1999 Census		2002 Census	
	Est. No.	%	Est. No.	%	Est. No.	%
Private long day care	211,900	40	220,210	38	254,100	35
Community based long day care	82,800	16	81,330	14	113,040	15
Family day care	84,790	16	83,080	14	95,630	13
In-home care	-	-	-	-	1,500	< 1
Outside school hours care	99,520	19	107,420	19	148,040	20
Vacation care	30,970	6	69,300	12	103,560	14
Other service types	19,160	4	16,110	3	16,280	2
TOTAL	529,320	100	577,450	100	732,150	100

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Ages of children

Approximately 86% of children in Australian Government funded long day care services were under 5 years of age. Fourteen per cent of children in private long day care centres were under 2 years of age, compared to 19% in community based centres, 21% in family day care and 22% in in-home care schemes.

Age distribution of children



At the time of the Census, some 5% of children in Australian Government funded long day care centres attended school, compared to 6% in 1999. Around 24% of children using family day care attended school, compared to 25% in 1999.

Hours of attendance per week

While 90% of long day care centres open for 50 hours or more a week, only 3% of children attended care for 50 hours or more.

The majority (79%) of children using long day care (including family day care but excluding in-home care) attended for less than 30 hours a week. This compares to 79% in 1999 and 76% in 1997. For children using in-home care services, 75% used care for less than 30 hours a week. The Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory had the highest proportion of children in full-time long day care (40 hours per week or more), 34% and 23% respectively. Tasmania had the lowest proportion of children in full-time long day care at 5%.

Just under three-fifths (59%) of children in long day care attended for less than 20 hours a week and 27% attended for less than 10 hours a week. For children attending family day care, 62% attended for less than 20 hours and 33% attended for less than 10 hours per week.

Between 1999 and 2002, the proportion of children attending long day care (including family day care) for less than 30 hours a week and more than 40 hours per week remained steady at around 80% and 11% respectively.

The trend of increased hours of attendance for children using occasional care continued in the 2002 Census. Only 30% of children in occasional care attended between 2 and 4 hours per week, compared with 40% in 1999. In 2002, 24% of children attended for between 10 and 19 hours per week, compared with 17% in 1999 and 15% in 1996. Few children (8%) attended for

more than 20 hours per week, however this is still an increase over the 6% seen in 1999 and the 4% seen in 1996.

Paid hours per week

In long day care centres, paid hours were on average higher than actual hours of care used (26 hours per week paid, 20 hours per week attended). The variation between paid and attendance hours can be attributed to both allowable absences and the difference between actual usage and hours booked and paid for.

In family day care schemes, paid hours were also on average higher than actual hours of care used (with similar reasons for the variation), however the difference was not as large as for long day care. On average, 19 hours of care per week were paid for and 18 hours per week were actually used.

Priority groups

Some groups in the population have been designated as a high priority for access to funded child care. At the time of the 2002 Census of Child Care Services, the highest priority group was for children who are at risk of serious abuse or neglect. The second highest priority group was for children of a single parent who is, or of parents who are both, working, studying or training for work or seeking employment. The third highest priority group was all other children. Within each of these priority groups, the following priorities were applied (in no particular order): children from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families, children with a disability, children whose parents have a continuing disability, children in families where the CCB percentage is 100%, children from a diverse cultural background, children in socially isolated families and children of single parents.

The following Census results are directly related to priority groups.

Children at risk

Less than 1% of all children using care at May 2002 were referred because of risk of serious neglect or abuse. This has not changed since 1999.

Sole parents

Twenty per cent of all children in long day care services (private and community based long day care centres, family day care schemes and in-home care schemes) came from sole parent families. This is a similar proportion to 1999. In-home care had the highest proportion of children from sole parent families (33%), with family day care having 26% of children from sole parent families.

Work-related care

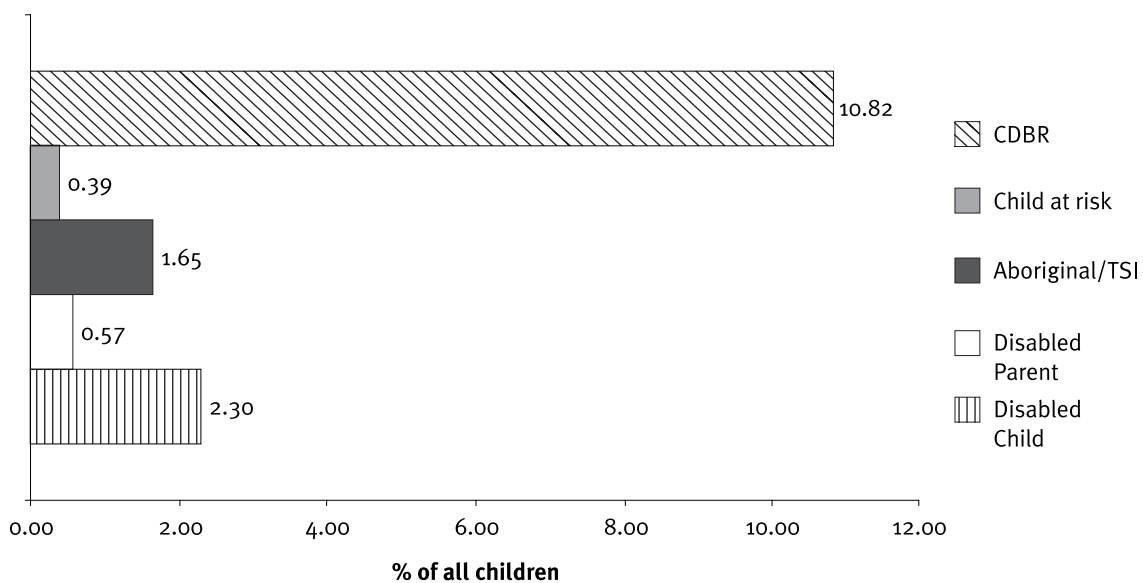
Eighty-eight per cent of children's paid for hours in private long day care, 90% in community based long day care, 89% in family day care and 86% in in-home care were for work-related care. This is similar to 1999 where 89% of children's attendance hours in private long day care and 91% in community based long day care were for work-related care. However, in 1999, 92% of children's attendance hours in family day care were for work-related care. Overall, about 82% of children from sole parent families in long day care were in care for work-related reasons (compared to 83% in 1999).

In outside school hours care the proportion of work-related care stands at 97%. This represents a decrease from 1999, when 99% of care was work-related. Work-related care in vacation care has remained fairly steady (94% in 2002 and 95% in 1999). Occasional care figures show an increase from 55% in 1999 to 62% in 2002.

Additional needs children

The Supplementary Services (SUPS) program supports child care services to improve access for children with additional needs and to improve the quality of care provided. Children with additional needs include children from diverse cultural backgrounds, indigenous children, as well as children with a disability. Where a child has high ongoing support needs, the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme (SNSS) can provide additional support to the service. Funding is allocated on a case by case basis to assist with the particular needs of each child and the participating child care service. Support may include direct funding to the service for ongoing additional staffing, resources and/or equipment essential for including the child.

Additional needs children



The proportion of children with a disability using long day care (including long day care services, family day care schemes and in-home care schemes) at May 2002 was 2%. This compares with 3% reported in the 1999 Census and 4% of the total population in the 0-4 age group in 1998 (ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 1998). Within long day care, in-home care had the highest proportion of children with a disability (13.8%). Representation was lower in long day care centres (1.6% overall with 1.4% in private long day care and 2.1% in community based long day care) and family day care (3.7%).

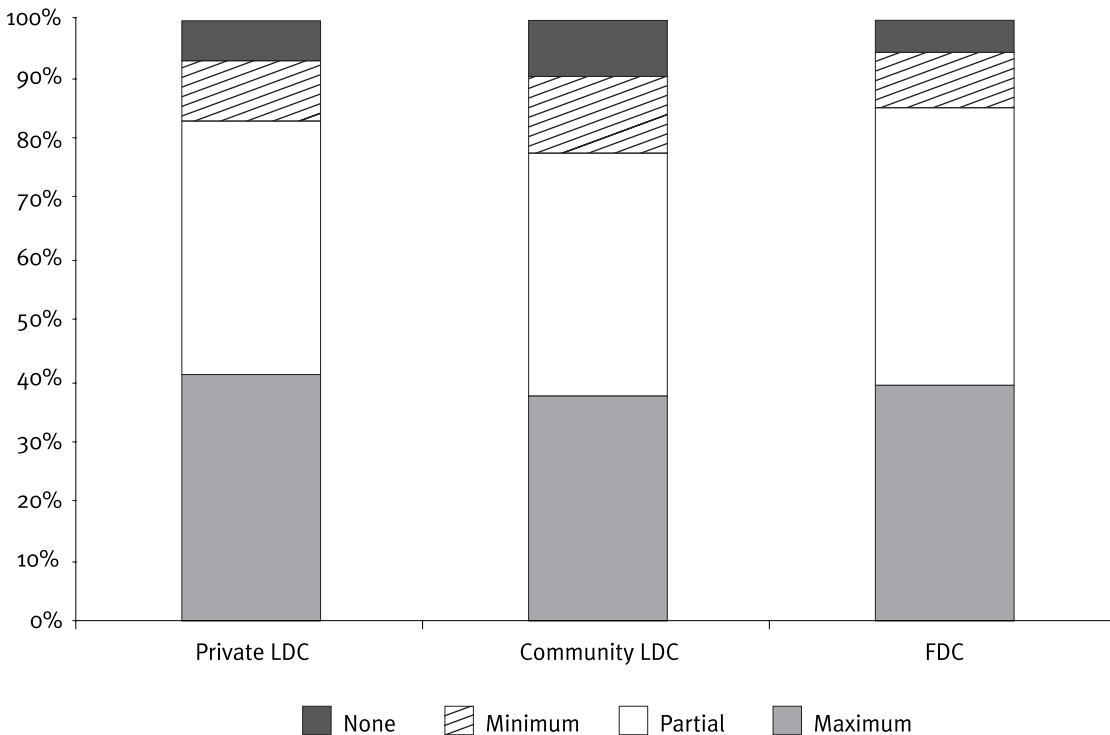
The proportion of children using long day care from a culturally diverse background at May 2002 was 12%. This compares to 11% at May 1999. Children identified as being from culturally diverse backgrounds comprised 13% of users in long day care centres, 8% of users in family day care schemes and 2% of users in in-home care schemes.

Approximately 2% of children in long day care were identified as being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families. Representation was higher in the Northern Territory with 6% of children. These figures compare to 4% of the total population in the 0-4 age group in 2001 (2001 ABS Population Census).

Child Care Benefit

Child Care Benefit replaced Childcare Assistance and Childcare Cash Rebate from 1 July 2000. An estimated 501,100 families (this includes an estimate of non-respondent services) were assisted through Child Care Benefit fee relief at the time of the 2002 Census. It is important to realise that those families that did not receive Child Care Benefit as fee relief are potentially able to claim their Child Care Benefit entitlement as a lump sum at the end of the financial year. Ninety-two per cent of all families using long day care centres and family day care schemes received some Child Care Benefit as fee relief. This was made up of 93% of families using private long day care centres, 90% using community based long day care centres and 94% using family day care schemes. Maximum Child Care Benefit was received by 43% of all families using long day care centres and family day care schemes.

Percentage of families receiving Child Care Benefit as fee relief



Staff

Number of Staff

For the 2002 Census, an estimated 76,185 paid staff and 13,245 family day care and in-home care caregivers (this includes an estimate of non-respondent services) were involved in providing child care in Australian Government funded child care services. The following table shows the distribution of paid staff across the different service types.

Service Type	Number of paid staff	%
Private long day care	30,007	39
Community based long day care	18,005	24
Family day care schemes – coordination unit staff only	1,729	2
In-home care schemes - coordination unit staff only	144	< 1
Outside school hours care services	11,786	15
Vacation care services	12,560	16
Occasional care services	996	1
Other service types	958	1
TOTAL	76,185	100

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

While these figures represent paid staff, there were also an estimated 4,336 people (this includes an estimate of non-respondent services) assisting these services on an unpaid basis (eg. volunteers, work experience students, parents and trainees).

Staff per service

The average number of paid staff per service in long day care centres increased between 1999 (9.8 staff per service) and 2002 (11.9 staff per service).

Formal qualifications

Fifty-five per cent of all long day care staff had formal qualifications, compared with 54% in 1999. Private and community based long day care centres had equal proportions (55%) of qualified staff. In family day care schemes, 70% of coordination staff and 26% of caregivers had formal qualifications. In in-home care schemes, 64% of coordination staff and 34% of caregivers had formal qualifications.

Of staff in long day care centres who had formal qualifications, 77% held a Child Care Certificate or Diploma/Bachelor of Child Care compared with 71% in 1999. Eighteen per cent (compared to 22% in 1999) held teaching qualifications, 5% (compared to 8% in 1999) held nursing qualifications and 10% (compared to 12% in 1999) had other relevant qualifications. Some staff held more than one qualification.

In 2002, there were 38% of staff in outside school hours and vacation care services with formal qualifications. There were 51% of staff in occasional care services with formal qualifications, 46% of staff in multifunctional services and 40% of staff in multifunctional Aboriginal children's services.

In-service training

In-service training was undertaken by 70% of all staff and 79% of caregivers in child care related or financial management subjects during the previous twelve months.

Of centre based staff who have undertaken in-service training, 20% undertook training for additional needs children, while most staff (67%) undertook other child care related training courses. Nine per cent undertook management/financial training and 60% other relevant training (eg. First Aid Certificate).

Hours worked

The hours that staff worked varied with the service type. Sixty per cent of staff in private long day care centres and 49% in community based long day care centres worked 30 hours or more per week. A significant proportion of staff in the Northern Territory (35%) worked 40 hours or more per week in private centres. Also, a significant proportion of staff in New South Wales in private centres (29%) and community based long day care centres (27%) worked more than 40 hours per week.

In family day care, 86% of caregivers worked 30 hours a week or more, with 84% of caregivers in the Northern Territory and 78% of caregivers in Queensland working 40 hours per week or more. Just over half (51%) of the staff in family day care coordination units worked 30 or more hours per week, with more than three-quarters (76%) working 20 or more hours per week. In family day care coordination units, 77% of staff in the Northern Territory and 69% of staff in the Australian Capital Territory worked more than 30 hours per week.

Major type of work

Direct contact with children is the main type of work for 83% of staff in private and 82% of staff in community based long day care centres. Administrative tasks take up most time for 10% of staff in long day care centres and 53% of staff in family day care coordination units.

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This publication does not include all statistics collected from the 2002 Census. Some unpublished tables are available upon request. See Appendix B for a list of all information collected in the 2002 Census.

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Table 1. Respondent services as a percentage of all services, by type of service, for all States and Territories, 2002

SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	945	81	383	78	555	77	67	87	179	76	15	88	8	67	26	76	2178	79
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	484	97	301	94	167	93	104	93	92	95	38	97	25	78	42	84	1253	94
Family Day Care Schemes	101	96	68	96	86	95	20	100	21	100	11	92	5	83	6	100	318	96
In-home Care Schemes	4	80	11	92	17	89	2	100	6	86	3	100	0	0	2	100	45	90
Outside School Hours Care *	550	88	634	88	426	87	234	94	103	83	52	88	32	71	67	89	2098	88
Vacation Care	371	79	239	78	324	78	150	86	98	77	44	85	28	65	21	62	1275	79
Occasional Care	44	96	23	96	14	88	3	100	11	92	4	100	0	0	2	50	101	92
Multifunctional Services	1	100	2	100	2	100	2	100	3	100	0	0	2	100	0	0	12	100
MACS	12	100	6	86	1	33	4	80	5	100	1	100	2	67	0	0	31	86
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	9	82	2	67	7	88	1	100	5	100	0	0	2	40	0	0	26	79
Aboriginal Playgroups	7	100	2	100	27	100	5	100	12	100	0	0	5	100	0	0	58	100
TOTAL SERVICES	2528	86	1671	86	1626	82	592	91	535	82	168	90	109	71	166	81	7395	85

+ Note: Private and Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in definition.

* Note: Services offering both before and after school care received one form. For the purpose of the Census, they have been counted as one service, rather than as two separate services.

Table 2. Number and percentage distribution of children attending by type of service, for all States and Territories, 2002

CHILDREN	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	70860	35	36550	26	65108	43	8142	14	16203	36	1079	7	595	9	2278	17	200815	32
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	38166	19	25576	18	14573	10	11388	20	8396	19	4711	29	1514	24	2993	22	107317	17
Family Day Care Schemes	29448	15	21724	16	18762	12	9526	17	6686	15	4460	28	815	13	2029	15	93450	15
In-home Care Schemes	240	0	174	0	468	0	18	0	77	0	345	2	0	0	53	0	1375	0
Outside School Hours Care *	34636	17	36573	26	30007	20	16011	28	5253	12	2631	16	1523	24	4799	35	131433	21
Vacation Care *	22767	11	16067	11	20514	14	11512	20	6526	14	2508	16	1208	19	1237	9	82339	13
Occasional Care	3118	2	2343	2	1196	1	226	0	918	2	196	1	0	0	144	1	8141	1
Multifunctional Services	144	0	286	0	123	0	249	0	147	0	0	0	64	1	0	0	1013	0
MACS	681	0	240	0	121	0	146	0	201	0	60	0	89	1	0	0	1538	0
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	873	0	344	0	314	0	31	0	505	1	0	0	375	6	0	0	2442	0
Aboriginal Playgroups	148	0	39	0	497	0	205	0	277	1	0	0	108	2	0	0	1274	0
TOTAL CHILDREN	201081	100	139916	100	151683	100	57454	100	45189	100	15990	100	6291	100	13533	100	631137	100

+ Note: Private and Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in definition.

* Note: This data measures occurrences of care and will include some double counting where children attend more than one service.

Table 3. Number and percentage distribution of paid staff, Family Day Care and In-home Care caregivers by type of service, for all States and Territories, 2002

PAID STAFF, FDC AND IHC CAREGIVERS	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	7781	31	5248	29	7091	40	982	15	1942	35	130	7	132	14	412	18	23718	31
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	6239	25	4152	23	2352	13	1679	26	1165	21	603	32	268	29	611	26	17069	22
Family Day Care Schemes - Staff only	601	2	309	2	385	2	146	2	117	2	62	3	22	2	51	2	1693	2
Family Day Care Schemes - Caregivers	3848	16	2959	17	2795	16	1163	18	781	14	440	24	143	15	396	17	12525	16
In-home Care Schemes - Staff only	9	0	38	0	41	0	7	0	15	0	10	1	0	0	6	0	126	0
In-home Care Schemes - Caregivers	77	0	53	0	131	1	7	0	26	0	80	4	0	0	15	1	389	1
Outside School Hours Care	2822	11	2775	16	2327	13	1119	17	480	9	223	12	134	14	577	25	10457	13
Vacation Care	2767	11	2000	11	2488	14	1296	20	741	13	262	14	168	18	228	10	9950	13
Occasional Care	377	2	225	1	162	1	27	0	88	2	43	2	0	0	17	1	939	1
Multifunctional Services *	12	0	36	0	29	0	31	0	21	0	0	0	14	2	0	0	143	0
MACS	158	1	58	0	24	0	39	1	61	1	14	1	19	2	0	0	373	0
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	29	0	28	0	20	0	11	0	28	1	0	0	10	1	0	0	126	0
Aboriginal Playgroups	22	0	7	0	82	0	28	0	29	1	0	0	17	2	0	0	185	0
TOTAL STAFF	24742	100	17888	100	17927	100	6535	100	5494	100	1867	100	927	100	2313	100	77693	100

+ Note: Private and Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in definition.

* Note: In addition, approximately eight caregivers were attached to Multifunctional services.

Table 4. Number and Percentage Distribution of Families by Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

FAMILIES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	61752	38	30261	28	52418	46	6840	16	13084	37	912	7	477	10	1943	18	167687	34
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	33170	20	21959	20	12142	11	9672	23	7191	20	3965	32	1324	28	2575	24	91998	19
Family Day Care Schemes	22915	14	15581	14	13678	12	6121	15	5039	14	3333	27	649	14	1502	14	68818	14
In-home Care Schemes	86	0	76	0	161	0	5	0	28	0	129	1	0	0	18	0	503	0
Outside School Hours Care	26043	16	26600	25	21162	18	11234	27	3833	11	1924	16	1094	23	3616	34	95506	19
Vacation Care	16301	10	11128	10	13695	12	7528	18	4472	13	1782	15	824	17	910	9	56640	12
Occasional Care	2708	2	1998	2	1046	1	188	0	796	2	165	1	0	0	123	1	7024	1
Multifunctional Services	98	0	226	0	103	0	196	0	126	0	0	0	52	1	0	0	801	0
MACS	540	0	185	0	82	0	108	0	157	0	42	0	66	1	0	0	1180	0
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	571	0	208	0	202	0	18	0	401	1	0	0	255	5	0	0	1655	0
TOTAL FAMILIES *	164184	100	108222	100	114689	100	41910	100	35127	100	12252	100	4741	100	10687	100	491812	100

+ Note: Private and Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in definition.

* Note: This data measures occurrences of care and will include some double counting where children attend more than one service.

Table 5. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

PRIVATE LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	10221	14	5489	15	12690	19	1625	20	3195	20	121	11	64	11	218	10	33623	17
Both parents/guardians work related	46429	66	26799	73	42976	66	5442	67	10059	62	728	67	476	80	1965	86	134874	67
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	2195	3	890	2	1947	3	260	3	716	4	65	6	9	2	17	1	6099	3
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	12015	17	3372	9	7495	12	815	10	2233	14	165	15	46	8	78	3	26219	13
Total specified	70860	100	36550	100	65108	100	8142	100	16203	100	1079	100	595	100	2278	100	200815	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	70860		36550		65108		8142		16203		1079		595		2278		200815	

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Private' Long Day Care.

Table 6. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

COMMUNITY BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	4841	13	2928	11	2249	15	1568	14	1198	14	632	13	223	15	296	10	13935	13
Both parents/guardians work related	27782	73	19257	75	9939	68	7996	70	5854	70	3114	66	1185	78	2435	81	77562	72
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	1309	3	689	3	547	4	401	4	284	3	201	4	17	1	37	1	3485	3
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	4234	11	2702	11	1838	13	1423	12	1060	13	764	16	89	6	225	8	12335	11
Total specified	38166	100	25576	100	14573	100	11388	100	8396	100	4711	100	1514	100	2993	100	107317	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38166		25576		14573		11388		8396		4711		1514		2993		107317	

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Community Based' Long Day Care

Table 7. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	4910	17	4493	21	4407	23	2227	23	1417	21	861	19	197	24	472	23	18984	20
Both parents/guardians work related	21368	73	14043	65	12922	69	4721	50	3865	58	2660	60	592	73	1505	74	61676	66
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	1116	4	1213	6	559	3	1321	14	412	6	283	6	9	1	31	2	4944	5
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	2054	7	1975	9	874	5	1257	13	992	15	656	15	17	2	21	1	7846	8
Total specified	29448	100	21724	100	18762	100	9526	100	6686	100	4460	100	815	100	2029	100	93450	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	29448		21724		18762		9526		6686		4460		815		2029		93450	

Table 8. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

IN-HOME CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	88	37	31	18	106	23	7	39	30	39	85	25	0	0	6	11	353	26
Both parents/guardians work related	110	46	122	70	294	63	8	44	45	58	168	49	0	0	26	49	773	56
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	20	8	4	2	47	10	0	0	0	0	23	7	0	0	3	6	97	7
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	22	9	17	10	21	4	3	17	2	3	69	20	0	0	18	34	152	11
Total specified	240	100	174	100	468	100	18	100	77	100	345	100	0	0	53	100	1375	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	240		174		468		18		77		345		0		53		1375	

Table 9. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	8888	26	8795	24	8550	28	4396	27	1849	35	678	26	448	29	1029	21	34633	26
Both parents/guardians work related	25048	72	26368	72	20080	67	10990	69	3308	63	1899	72	1021	67	3667	76	92381	70
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	351	1	516	1	335	1	309	2	58	1	29	1	43	3	27	1	1668	1
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	349	1	894	2	1042	3	316	2	38	1	25	1	11	1	76	2	2751	2
Total specified	34636	100	36573	100	30007	100	16011	100	5253	100	2631	100	1523	100	4799	100	131433	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	34636		36573		30007		16011		5253		2631		1523		4799		131433	

Table 10. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Work related	21018	92	14991	93	19219	94	10360	90	6018	92	2280	91	1111	92	1197	97	76194	93
Non-work related	1749	8	1076	7	1295	6	1152	10	508	8	228	9	97	8	40	3	6145	7
Total specified	22767	100	16067	100	20514	100	11512	100	6526	100	2508	100	1208	100	1237	100	82339	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	22767		16067		20514		11512		6526		2508		1208		1237		82339	

Table 11. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Work related	1512	48	1050	45	635	53	114	50	451	49	134	68	0	0	75	52	3971	49
Non-work related	1606	52	1293	55	561	47	112	50	467	51	62	32	0	0	69	48	4170	51
Total specified	3118	100	2343	100	1196	100	226	100	918	100	196	100	0	0	144	100	8141	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	3118		2343		1196		226		918		196		0		144		8141	

Table 12. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	21	15	45	16	17	14	47	19	12	8	0	0	4	6	0	0	146	14
Both parents/guardians work related	114	79	136	48	98	80	202	81	111	76	0	0	55	86	0	0	716	71
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	1	1	13	5	8	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	2
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	8	6	92	32	0	0	0	0	22	15	0	0	5	8	0	0	127	13
Total specified	144	100	286	100	123	100	249	100	147	100	0	0	64	100	0	0	1013	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	144		286		123		249		147		0		64		0		1013	

Table 13. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2002

MACS	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	222	33	78	33	56	46	47	32	66	33	26	43	38	43	0	0	533	35
Both parents/guardians work related	358	53	144	60	16	13	76	52	96	48	27	45	51	57	0	0	768	50
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	50	7	16	7	32	26	19	13	11	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	129	8
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	51	7	2	1	17	14	4	3	28	14	6	10	0	0	0	0	108	7
Total specified	681	100	240	100	121	100	146	100	201	100	60	100	89	100	0	0	1538	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	681		240		121		146		201		60		89		0		1538	

Table 14. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

PRIVATE LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	1068	2	475	1	843	1	155	2	207	1	15	1	7	1	26	1	2796	1
Parent with disability	502	1	209	1	586	1	56	1	110	1	5	0	1	0	11	0	1480	1
Referred because child at risk	159	0	123	0	128	0	16	0	38	0	8	1	8	1	2	0	482	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	808	1	126	0	1605	2	49	1	283	2	6	1	14	2	9	0	2900	1
Culturally diverse background	11521	16	4702	13	4172	6	485	6	1172	7	30	3	18	3	217	10	22317	11
No additional needs	57074	81	31014	85	57955	89	7398	91	14429	89	1016	94	547	92	2022	89	171455	85
Total specified *	70860		36550		65108		8142		16203		1079		595		2278		200815	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	70860		36550		65108		8142		16203		1079		595		2278		200815	

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Private' Long Day Care.

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 15. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

COMMUNITY BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	985	3	518	2	214	1	264	2	115	1	64	1	31	2	44	1	2235	2
Parent with disability	389	1	215	1	132	1	77	1	50	1	36	1	4	0	19	1	922	1
Referred because child at risk	242	1	131	1	44	0	55	0	26	0	16	0	47	3	15	1	576	1
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	603	2	79	0	522	4	226	2	153	2	31	1	116	8	19	1	1749	2
Culturally diverse background	8624	23	4077	16	1456	10	914	8	973	12	166	4	201	13	437	15	16848	16
No additional needs	27698	73	20739	81	12242	84	9925	87	7109	85	4410	94	1122	74	2469	82	85714	80
Total specified *	38166		25576		14573		11388		8396		4711		1514		2993		107317	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38166		25576		14573		11388		8396		4711		1514		2993		107317	

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Community Based' Long Day Care.

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 16. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	896	3	943	4	647	3	636	7	99	1	155	3	27	3	42	2	3445	4
Parent with disability	77	0	42	0	43	0	8	0	21	0	7	0	1	0	1	0	200	0
Referred because child at risk	281	1	225	1	97	1	20	0	11	0	67	2	6	1	21	1	728	1
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	365	1	44	0	254	1	144	2	61	1	16	0	35	4	32	2	951	1
Culturally diverse background	2784	9	2279	10	624	3	787	8	593	9	64	1	25	3	252	12	7408	8
No additional needs	25182	86	18354	84	17164	91	7990	84	5921	89	4159	93	726	89	1687	83	81183	87
Total specified *	29448		21724		18762		9526		6686		4460		815		2029		93450	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	29448		21724		18762		9526		6686		4460		815		2029		93450	

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 17. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

IN-HOME CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	28	12	12	7	76	16	0	0	4	5	58	17	0	0	12	23	190	14
Parent with disability	7	3	12	7	23	5	0	0	0	0	15	4	0	0	8	15	65	5
Referred because child at risk	16	7	8	5	21	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	46	3
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Culturally diverse background	2	1	4	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	14	4	0	0	2	4	28	2
No additional needs	188	78	146	84	352	75	18	100	73	95	273	79	0	0	33	62	1083	79
Total specified *	240		174		468		18		77		345		0		53		1375	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	240		174		468		18		77		345		0		53		1375	

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 18. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	760	2	628	2	728	2	389	2	94	2	53	2	32	2	101	2	2785	2
Parent with disability	115	0	142	0	127	0	63	0	14	0	7	0	3	0	14	0	485	0
Referred because child at risk	76	0	89	0	35	0	27	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	239	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	416	1	141	0	678	2	153	1	49	1	53	2	212	14	40	1	1742	1
Culturally diverse background	6129	18	4378	12	1634	5	843	5	240	5	46	2	117	8	479	10	13866	11
No additional needs	27283	79	31265	85	26880	90	14563	91	4855	92	2474	94	1178	77	4173	87	112671	86
Total specified *	34636		36573		30007		16011		5253		2631		1523		4799		131433	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	34636		36573		30007		16011		5253		2631		1523		4799		131433	

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 19. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	812	4	576	4	649	3	422	4	165	3	57	2	36	3	45	4	2762	3
Parent with disability	107	0	57	0	73	0	29	0	31	0	10	0	0	0	7	1	314	0
Referred because child at risk	75	0	66	0	52	0	30	0	27	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	258	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	323	1	62	0	663	3	105	1	80	1	26	1	127	11	6	0	1392	2
Culturally diverse background	3291	14	1556	10	952	5	569	5	226	3	54	2	36	3	96	8	6780	8
No additional needs	18290	80	13845	86	18202	89	10383	90	6007	92	2363	94	1019	84	1087	88	71196	86
Total specified *	22767		16067		20514		11512		6526		2508		1208		1237		82339	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	22767		16067		20514		11512		6526		2508		1208		1237		82339	

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 20. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	74	2	35	1	20	2	2	1	13	1	2	1	0	0	6	4	152	2
Parent with disability	23	1	15	1	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	48	1
Referred because child at risk	26	1	11	0	8	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	1
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	75	2	7	0	26	2	3	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	1
Culturally diverse background	443	14	201	9	65	5	32	14	72	8	11	6	0	0	14	10	838	10
Sole parent/guardian	518	17	248	11	140	12	67	30	72	8	70	36	0	0	22	15	1137	14
No additional needs	2084	67	1854	79	963	81	123	54	755	82	113	58	0	0	108	75	6000	74
Total specified *	3118		2343		1196		226		918		196		0		144		8141	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	3118		2343		1196		226		918		196		0		144		8141	

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 21. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	3	2	3	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
Parent with disability	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Referred because child at risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	10	7	0	0	25	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	17	0	0	47	5
Culturally diverse background	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	9	14	0	0	11	1
No additional needs	131	91	282	99	98	80	239	96	147	100	0	0	44	69	0	0	941	93
Total specified	144		286		123		249		147		0		64		0		1013	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	144		286		123		249		147		0		64		0		1013	

Table 22. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

MACS	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	16	2	10	4	0	0	3	2	5	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	36	2
Parent with disability	24	4	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	31	2
Referred because child at risk	44	6	18	8	1	1	2	1	9	4	9	15	0	0	0	0	83	5
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	496	73	213	89	121	100	115	79	142	71	60	100	69	78	0	0	1216	79
Culturally diverse background	22	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	11	12	0	0	43	3
No additional needs	137	20	19	8	0	0	30	21	48	24	0	0	20	22	0	0	254	17
Total specified *	681		240		121		146		201		60		89		0		1538	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	681		240		121		146		201		60		89		0		1538	

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 23. Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2002

MOBILES AND TOY LIBRARIES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	15	2	23	7	14	4	0	0	8	2	0	0	18	5	0	0	78	3
Parent with disability	6	1	12	3	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	70	8	5	1	21	7	0	0	76	15	0	0	131	35	0	0	303	12
Culturally diverse background	16	2	2	1	7	2	2	6	29	6	0	0	40	11	0	0	96	4
No additional needs	772	88	303	88	277	88	29	94	389	77	0	0	195	52	0	0	1965	80
Total specified *	873		344		314		31		505		0		375		0		2442	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	873		344		314		31		505		0		375		0		2442	

* Note: Total specified is less than the sum of the entries as some of these children may be in more than one category.

Table 24. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

PRIVATE LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	1110	2	1481	4	1727	3	316	4	527	3	45	4	49	8	124	5	5379	3
1 - 2 yrs	17574	25	14637	40	21086	32	3356	41	6204	38	392	36	273	46	956	42	64478	32
3 - 4 yrs	44980	63	17550	48	31312	48	3930	48	7140	44	553	51	246	41	1068	47	106779	53
5 yrs	4706	7	1473	4	5526	8	262	3	805	5	82	8	12	2	83	4	12949	6
6 + yrs	2490	4	1409	4	5457	8	278	3	1527	9	7	1	15	3	47	2	11230	6
Total specified	70860	100	36550	100	65108	100	8142	100	16203	100	1079	100	595	100	2278	100	200815	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	70860		36550		65108		8142		16203		1079		595		2278		200815	

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Private' Long Day Care.

Table 25. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

COMMUNITY BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	1176	3	1083	4	608	4	531	5	394	5	182	4	65	4	159	5	4198	4
1 - 2 yrs	13949	37	10387	41	5457	37	5055	44	3939	47	1872	40	635	42	1190	40	42484	40
3 - 4 yrs	21736	57	13017	51	7225	50	5559	49	3687	44	2273	48	804	53	1589	53	55890	52
5 yrs	1190	3	928	4	1019	7	166	1	150	2	240	5	10	1	49	2	3752	3
6 + yrs	115	0	161	1	264	2	77	1	226	3	144	3	0	0	6	0	993	1
Total specified	38166	100	25576	100	14573	100	11388	100	8396	100	4711	100	1514	100	2993	100	107317	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38166		25576		14573		11388		8396		4711		1514		2993		107317	

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Community Based' Long Day Care.

Table 26. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	1712	6	1001	5	1211	6	355	4	273	4	162	4	62	8	96	5	4872	5
1 - 2 yrs	12798	43	6981	32	6532	35	2284	24	2365	35	1443	32	311	38	657	32	33371	36
3 - 4 yrs	10048	34	7236	33	4885	26	2798	29	2283	34	1710	38	280	34	623	31	29863	32
5 yrs	1314	4	1688	8	1393	7	677	7	399	6	364	8	40	5	139	7	6014	6
6 + yrs	3576	12	4818	22	4741	25	3412	36	1366	20	781	18	122	15	514	25	19330	21
Total specified	29448	100	21724	100	18762	100	9526	100	6686	100	4460	100	815	100	2029	100	93450	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	29448		21724		18762		9526		6686		4460		815		2029		93450	

Table 27. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

IN-HOME CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	23	10	31	18	31	7	1	6	7	9	28	8	0	0	6	11	127	9
1 - 2 yrs	69	29	50	29	111	24	1	6	17	22	95	28	0	0	18	34	361	26
3 - 4 yrs	52	22	49	28	107	23	3	17	11	14	89	26	0	0	13	25	324	24
5 yrs	15	6	13	7	40	9	3	17	14	18	24	7	0	0	4	8	113	8
6 + yrs	81	34	31	18	179	38	10	56	28	36	109	32	0	0	12	23	450	33
Total specified	240	100	174	100	468	100	18	100	77	100	345	100	0	0	53	100	1375	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	240		174		468		18		77		345		0		53		1375	

Table 28. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 yrs	319	1	180	0	1164	4	102	1	85	2	62	2	23	2	15	0	1950	1
5 yrs	4774	14	4120	11	3437	11	1867	12	620	12	298	11	220	14	663	14	15999	12
6 yrs	6048	17	5976	16	4740	16	2451	15	825	16	458	17	265	17	803	17	21566	16
7 yrs	6107	18	6514	18	4955	17	2503	16	904	17	488	19	253	17	903	19	22627	17
8 yrs	5886	17	6256	17	4817	16	2517	16	948	18	436	17	271	18	823	17	21954	17
9 yrs	4788	14	5355	15	4032	13	2284	14	747	14	361	14	200	13	643	13	18410	14
10 yrs	3881	11	4355	12	3315	11	1914	12	583	11	278	11	128	8	566	12	15020	11
11 yrs	2314	7	3020	8	2244	7	1395	9	400	8	174	7	93	6	329	7	9969	8
12 yrs	480	1	723	2	1099	4	859	5	125	2	59	2	47	3	50	1	3442	3
13 + yrs	39	0	74	0	204	1	119	1	16	0	17	1	23	2	4	0	496	0
Total specified	34636	100	36573	100	30007	100	16011	100	5253	100	2631	100	1523	100	4799	100	131433	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	34636		36573		30007		16011		5253		2631		1523		4799		131433	

Table 29. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 yrs	113	0	81	1	465	2	89	1	32	0	112	4	11	1	2	0	905	1
5 yrs	2520	11	1420	9	1725	8	1213	11	626	10	280	11	123	10	141	11	8048	10
6 yrs	3844	17	2590	16	3012	15	1714	15	1018	16	398	16	219	18	196	16	12991	16
7 yrs	4145	18	2792	17	3407	17	1827	16	1079	17	461	18	212	18	221	18	14144	17
8 yrs	3864	17	2781	17	3334	16	1855	16	1069	16	377	15	184	15	222	18	13686	17
9 yrs	3201	14	2343	15	2968	14	1574	14	940	14	328	13	174	14	205	17	11733	14
10 yrs	2498	11	1995	12	2420	12	1381	12	828	13	294	12	122	10	131	11	9669	12
11 yrs	1734	8	1367	9	1772	9	1041	9	551	8	159	6	86	7	86	7	6796	8
12 yrs	653	3	562	3	1019	5	598	5	317	5	80	3	49	4	30	2	3308	4
13 + yrs	195	1	136	1	392	2	220	2	66	1	19	1	28	2	3	0	1059	1
Total specified	22767	100	16067	100	20514	100	11512	100	6526	100	2508	100	1208	100	1237	100	82339	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	22767		16067		20514		11512		6526		2508		1208		1237		82339	

Table 30. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	124	4	86	4	64	5	17	8	56	6	6	3	0	0	11	8	364	4
1 yr	576	18	384	16	277	23	51	23	152	17	29	15	0	0	23	16	1492	18
2 yrs	985	32	661	28	402	34	52	23	246	27	48	24	0	0	45	31	2439	30
3 yrs	860	28	760	32	262	22	58	26	304	33	70	36	0	0	39	27	2353	29
4 yrs	530	17	384	16	139	12	42	19	146	16	39	20	0	0	24	17	1304	16
5 yrs	42	1	66	3	37	3	5	2	10	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	164	2
6 yrs	1	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
7 + yrs	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	13	0
Total specified	3118	100	2343	100	1196	100	226	100	918	100	196	100	0	0	144	100	8141	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	3118		2343		1196		226		918		196		0		144		8141	

Table 31. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	4	3	7	2	9	7	12	5	7	5	0	0	4	6	0	0	43	4
1 yr	27	19	38	13	20	16	43	17	15	10	0	0	19	30	0	0	162	16
2 yrs	33	23	62	22	28	23	65	26	41	28	0	0	14	22	0	0	243	24
3 yrs	41	28	62	22	26	21	63	25	48	33	0	0	17	27	0	0	257	25
4 yrs	25	17	61	21	19	15	53	21	35	24	0	0	9	14	0	0	202	20
5 yrs	6	4	28	10	11	9	6	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	53	5
6 yrs	4	3	7	2	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2
7 yrs	2	1	8	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1
8 yrs	0	0	6	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1
9 yrs	2	1	6	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
10 yrs	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
11 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
12 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 + yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total specified	144	100	286	100	123	100	249	100	147	100	0	0	64	100	0	0	1013	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	144		286		123		249		147		0		64		0		1013	

Table 32. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

MACS	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	24	4	9	4	2	2	3	2	14	7	3	5	3	3	0	0	58	4
1 yr	59	9	25	10	14	12	33	23	20	10	10	17	11	12	0	0	172	11
2 yrs	168	25	55	23	16	13	40	27	44	22	7	12	19	21	0	0	349	23
3 yrs	200	29	70	29	17	14	33	23	57	28	14	23	25	28	0	0	416	27
4 yrs	188	28	37	15	21	17	32	22	31	15	8	13	16	18	0	0	333	22
5 yrs	25	4	11	5	6	5	0	0	7	3	3	5	5	6	0	0	57	4
6 yrs	4	1	2	1	5	4	1	1	9	4	2	3	2	2	0	0	25	2
7 yrs	6	1	4	2	10	8	2	1	6	3	2	3	2	2	0	0	32	2
8 yrs	3	0	6	3	8	7	0	0	5	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	27	2
9 yrs	3	0	3	1	6	5	1	1	6	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	22	1
10 yrs	0	0	5	2	4	3	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	13	1
11 yrs	1	0	7	3	6	5	0	0	0	0	4	7	1	1	0	0	19	1
12 yrs	0	0	3	1	6	5	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	11	1
13 + yrs	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Total specified	681	100	240	100	121	100	146	100	201	100	60	100	89	100	0	0	1538	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	681		240		121		146		201		60		89		0		1538	

Table 33. Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2002

MOBILES AND TOY LIBRARIES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	89	10	19	6	19	6	0	0	25	5	0	0	21	6	0	0	173	7
1 yr	105	12	36	10	45	14	3	10	78	15	0	0	64	17	0	0	331	14
2 yrs	181	21	78	23	46	15	3	10	92	18	0	0	79	21	0	0	479	20
3 yrs	187	21	64	19	64	20	9	29	150	30	0	0	71	19	0	0	545	22
4 yrs	201	23	71	21	50	16	10	32	50	10	0	0	57	15	0	0	439	18
5 yrs	55	6	21	6	33	11	2	6	18	4	0	0	24	6	0	0	153	6
6 yrs	22	3	20	6	10	3	3	10	13	3	0	0	13	3	0	0	81	3
7 yrs	17	2	8	2	17	5	1	3	16	3	0	0	10	3	0	0	69	3
8 yrs	10	1	10	3	7	2	0	0	8	2	0	0	13	3	0	0	48	2
9 yrs	4	0	1	0	7	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	19	1
10 yrs	1	0	6	2	5	2	0	0	32	6	0	0	10	3	0	0	54	2
11 yrs	1	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	7	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	17	1
12 + yrs	0	0	7	2	8	3	0	0	13	3	0	0	6	2	0	0	34	1
Total specified	873	100	344	100	314	100	31	100	505	100	0	0	375	100	0	0	2442	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	873		344		314		31		505		0		375		0		2442	

Table 34. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

PRIVATE LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	14814	22	9072	26	13204	21	2493	32	5304	34	473	46	101	18	242	11	45703	24
10 - 19 hrs/week	27684	41	10004	28	20201	32	2338	30	4588	29	329	32	86	15	510	23	65740	34
20 - 29 hrs/week	14837	22	6649	19	14254	23	1433	18	2562	16	145	14	77	13	471	21	40428	21
30 - 39 hrs/week	5707	8	3896	11	7493	12	800	10	1344	9	43	4	71	12	352	16	19706	10
40 - 49 hrs/week	3385	5	3767	11	5218	8	587	7	1141	7	28	3	156	27	463	21	14745	8
50 + hrs/week	1711	3	1917	5	2340	4	204	3	715	5	5	0	86	15	177	8	7155	4
Sub-total	68138	100	35305	100	62710	100	7855	100	15654	100	1023	100	577	100	2215	100	193477	100
Absent ref. week	2722		1245		2398		287		549		56		18		63		7338	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	70860		36550		65108		8142		16203		1079		595		2278		200815	
Average hours per week	18:38		21:33		21:05		18:48		18:29		13:38		30:05		27:39		20:04	

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Private' Long Day Care.

Table 35. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

COMMUNITY BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	7455	20	6164	25	2926	21	3992	36	2761	34	2011	45	229	16	482	17	26020	25
10 - 19 hrs/week	13876	38	7647	31	4444	32	3524	32	2445	30	1356	30	313	21	760	26	34365	33
20 - 29 hrs/week	8295	23	5067	21	3229	23	1851	17	1306	16	607	13	273	19	644	22	21272	21
30 - 39 hrs/week	3667	10	2744	11	1651	12	846	8	663	8	286	6	205	14	448	15	10510	10
40 - 49 hrs/week	2517	7	2092	9	1323	9	563	5	622	8	156	3	316	22	427	15	8016	8
50 + hrs/week	699	2	861	4	454	3	179	2	287	4	97	2	130	9	142	5	2849	3
Sub-total	36509	100	24575	100	14027	100	10955	100	8084	100	4513	100	1466	100	2903	100	103032	100
Absent ref. week	1657		1001		546		433		312		198		48		90		4285	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38166		25576		14573		11388		8396		4711		1514		2993		107317	
Average hours per week	19:41		20:10		21:15		16:37		18:20		14:39		27:14		24:13		19:36	

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in the definition of 'Community Based' Long Day Care.

Table 36. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	9011	32	8251	39	4931	27	3116	34	2241	35	1984	46	158	20	495	25	30187	33
10 - 19 hrs/week	8158	29	5921	28	5059	28	2668	29	2047	32	1307	30	179	23	516	26	25855	29
20 - 29 hrs/week	5287	19	3135	15	3305	18	1776	19	1024	16	604	14	122	15	318	16	15571	17
30 - 39 hrs/week	3086	11	1774	8	2137	12	833	9	571	9	312	7	114	14	286	14	9113	10
40 - 49 hrs/week	1979	7	1295	6	1946	11	557	6	421	7	112	3	187	24	324	16	6821	8
50 + hrs/week	777	3	579	3	797	4	303	3	139	2	22	1	31	4	49	2	2697	3
Sub-total	28298	100	20955	100	18175	100	9253	100	6443	100	4341	100	791	100	1988	100	90244	100
Absent ref. week	1150		769		587		273		243		119		24		41		3206	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	29448		21724		18762		9526		6686		4460		815		2029		93450	
Average hours per week	18:53		17:03		21:09		18:00		17:25		14:06		25:32		22:30		18:38	

Table 37. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

IN-HOME CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	81	34	65	37	146	31	2	11	14	18	131	38	0	0	19	36	458	34
10 - 19 hrs/week	58	25	57	33	107	23	7	39	22	29	117	34	0	0	19	36	387	28
20 - 29 hrs/week	47	20	25	14	61	13	3	17	5	6	55	16	0	0	8	15	204	15
30 - 39 hrs/week	15	6	9	5	59	13	0	0	13	17	22	6	0	0	0	0	118	9
40 - 49 hrs/week	20	9	4	2	42	9	0	0	7	9	16	5	0	0	5	9	94	7
50 + hrs/week	14	6	14	8	52	11	6	33	16	21	0	0	0	0	2	4	104	8
Sub-total	235	100	174	100	467	100	18	100	77	100	341	100	0	0	53	100	1365	100
Absent ref. week	5		0		1		0		0		4		0		0		10	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	240		174		468		18		77		345		0		53		1375	
Average hours per week	19:11		16:47		23:12		27:13		29:47		14:56		0		17:15		19:49	

Table 38. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 3 hrs/week	3288	10	6025	17	3709	12	3361	21	258	5	662	26	30	2	333	7	17666	14
3 - 5 hrs/week	8570	25	12596	35	8380	28	5377	34	1450	28	870	34	212	14	1234	26	38689	30
6 - 8 hrs/week	6947	21	6878	19	6125	21	3088	19	1122	22	501	20	194	13	974	21	25829	20
9 - 11 hrs/week	5011	15	4202	12	4221	14	1805	11	780	15	278	11	214	14	782	17	17293	13
12 - 15 hrs/week	5801	17	4087	11	4830	16	1586	10	1061	21	222	9	625	41	1138	24	19350	15
16 + hrs/week	4261	13	2372	7	2433	8	690	4	503	10	23	1	232	15	258	5	10772	8
Sub-total	33878	100	36160	100	29698	100	15907	100	5174	100	2556	100	1507	100	4719	100	129599	100
Absent ref. week	758		413		309		104		79		75		16		80		1834	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	34636		36573		30007		16011		5253		2631		1523		4799		131433	
Average hours per week	8:54		6:51		7:50		6:08		8:39		5:22		11:20		8:22		7:40	

Table 39. Percentage Distribution of Children by Days of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 day	204	1	78	0	103	1	125	1	21	0	42	2	3	0	4	0	580	1
1 day	4681	21	3807	24	4301	21	3047	27	1424	22	729	29	142	12	245	20	18376	22
2 days	5572	25	4058	26	4688	23	3146	27	1659	26	719	29	136	11	246	20	20224	25
3 days	4579	20	3032	19	3851	19	2152	19	1212	19	424	17	149	12	233	19	15632	19
4 days	3158	14	2081	13	2885	14	1438	13	773	12	247	10	155	13	173	14	10910	13
5 days	4413	20	2852	18	4582	22	1543	13	1356	21	338	14	619	51	333	27	16036	20
Sub-total	22607	100	15908	100	20410	100	11451	100	6445	100	2499	100	1204	100	1234	100	81758	100
Absent ref. week	160		159		104		61		81		9		4		3		581	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	22767		16067		20514		11512		6526		2508		1208		1237		82339	
Average days per week	2.8		2.8		2.9		2.6		2.8		2.5		3.8		3.1		2.8	

Table 40. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1 hr/week	46	1	42	2	3	0	6	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	1
2 hrs/week	159	5	161	7	27	2	18	8	75	8	4	2	0	0	8	6	452	6
3 hrs/week	256	8	455	20	135	11	21	9	156	17	20	10	0	0	17	12	1060	13
4 hrs/week	290	9	322	14	100	8	15	7	112	12	17	9	0	0	20	14	876	11
5 hrs/week	203	7	172	7	84	7	22	10	69	8	28	15	0	0	11	8	589	7
6 hrs/week	535	17	220	9	149	12	19	8	56	6	37	19	0	0	11	8	1027	13
7 hrs/week	212	7	196	8	56	5	14	6	40	4	1	1	0	0	11	8	530	7
8 hrs/week	214	7	137	6	99	8	9	4	47	5	8	4	0	0	12	9	526	7
9 hrs/week	69	2	96	4	62	5	6	3	21	2	7	4	0	0	3	2	264	3
10 - 19 hrs/week	850	28	397	17	337	28	61	27	207	23	60	31	0	0	33	24	1945	24
20 - 29 hrs/week	185	6	100	4	103	9	26	12	76	8	9	5	0	0	11	8	510	6
30 + hrs/week	55	2	30	1	41	3	9	4	54	6	1	1	0	0	2	1	192	2
Sub-total	3074	100	2328	100	1196	100	226	100	918	100	192	100	0	0	139	100	8073	100
Absent ref. week	44		15		0		0		0		4		0		5		68	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	3118		2343		1196		226		918		196		0		144		8141	
Average hours per week	9:12		7:30		10:17		10:38		9:53		8:36		0		8:53		8:58	

Table 41. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 hrs/week	11	8	14	5	8	7	19	8	6	4	0	0	3	5	0	0	61	6
5 - 9 hrs/week	70	50	59	21	30	25	81	33	64	45	0	0	12	19	0	0	316	32
10 - 14 hrs/week	4	3	83	29	14	12	54	22	17	12	0	0	3	5	0	0	175	18
15 - 19 hrs/week	19	14	19	7	15	12	20	8	18	13	0	0	3	5	0	0	94	9
20 - 24 hrs/week	9	6	62	22	11	9	36	14	13	9	0	0	6	10	0	0	137	14
25 - 29 hrs/week	12	9	5	2	17	14	8	3	7	5	0	0	5	8	0	0	54	5
30 - 34 hrs/week	4	3	27	9	6	5	11	4	6	4	0	0	5	8	0	0	59	6
35 - 39 hrs/week	2	1	0	0	8	7	6	2	4	3	0	0	3	5	0	0	23	2
40 - 44 hrs/week	5	4	10	3	9	7	7	3	3	2	0	0	13	21	0	0	47	5
45 - 49 hrs/week	3	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	8	13	0	0	17	2
50 + hrs/week	1	1	7	2	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	17	2
Sub-total	140	100	286	100	121	100	249	100	141	100	0	0	63	100	0	0	1000	100
Absent ref. week	4		0		2		0		6		0		1		0		13	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	144		286		123		249		147		0		64		0		1013	
Average hours per week	14:57		15:36		19:18		14:37		14:48		0		27:32		0		16:21	

Table 42. Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

MACS	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 hrs/week	16	3	33	15	0	0	4	3	14	8	3	5	1	1	0	0	71	5
5 - 9 hrs/week	127	20	62	28	10	8	35	25	35	19	16	28	5	6	0	0	290	20
10 - 14 hrs/week	161	26	41	18	0	0	26	19	12	7	3	5	13	15	0	0	256	18
15 - 19 hrs/week	137	22	20	9	49	40	26	19	26	14	19	33	9	11	0	0	286	20
20 - 24 hrs/week	97	16	18	8	0	0	15	11	11	6	0	0	11	13	0	0	152	11
25 - 29 hrs/week	13	2	11	5	1	1	14	10	20	11	8	14	8	9	0	0	75	5
30 - 34 hrs/week	32	5	14	6	0	0	12	9	6	3	2	3	11	13	0	0	77	5
35 - 39 hrs/week	28	4	17	8	0	0	2	1	13	7	4	7	15	18	0	0	79	6
40 - 44 hrs/week	12	2	7	3	34	28	5	4	24	13	0	0	4	5	0	0	86	6
45 - 49 hrs/week	1	0	0	0	18	15	0	0	17	9	3	5	6	7	0	0	45	3
50 + hrs/week	0	0	0	0	9	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	13	1
Sub-total	624	100	223	100	121	100	139	100	180	100	58	100	85	100	0	0	1430	100
Absent ref. week	57		17		0		7		21		2		4		0		108	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	681		240		121		146		201		60		89		0		1538	
Average hours per week	16:31		15:11		30:06		16:44		23:06		18:18		26:25		0		18:58	

Table 43. Percentage Distribution of Children Receiving Child Care Benefit Fee Relief by Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2002

CHILDREN	STATE/TERRITORY																AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	64192	37	33923	28	62925	45	7725	15	15271	38	984	7	511	11	1723	17	187254	34
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	34483	20	23061	19	13587	10	10599	20	7530	19	4492	31	1321	28	2346	23	97419	17
Family Day Care Schemes	27590	16	20556	17	18078	13	9151	18	6432	16	4292	29	747	16	1847	18	88693	16
In-home Care Schemes	237	0	164	0	457	0	18	0	77	0	331	2	0	0	47	0	1331	0
Outside School Hours Care	26588	15	27878	23	25760	18	13620	26	4490	11	2192	15	1230	26	3269	32	105027	19
Vacation Care	18668	11	13563	11	18339	13	10608	20	5639	14	2198	15	870	18	745	7	70630	13
Occasional Care	2388	1	1901	2	964	1	209	0	693	2	189	1	0	0	108	1	6452	1
Multifunctional Services	132	0	270	0	100	0	236	0	129	0	0	0	56	1	0	0	923	0
TOTAL CHILDREN	174278	100	121316	100	140210	100	52166	100	40261	100	14678	100	4735	100	10085	100	557729	100

+ Note: Private and Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in previous censuses due to changes in definition.

APPENDIX A – GLOSSARY

Aboriginal Playgroups and Enrichment Programs: Informal self-help gatherings set up by parents to provide their very young children with opportunities to take part in group socialisation and development activities. They are run on culturally appropriate lines, encouraging children to learn and appreciate their traditions.

Additional Needs Groups: The following groups within the population have been designated as having a high priority for funded child care:

- ▶ children at risk of serious abuse or neglect
- ▶ children of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families
- ▶ children from families with a culturally diverse background. This includes children with a parent born overseas in a country where the first language is not English
- ▶ disability related care—children who have a continuing disability including intellectual, sensory, or physical impairment, or parent(s) with a continuing disability.

Age: Age of child as at the reference week.

Allowable Absences: Allowable absences occur when a centre can charge a fee for care and claim Child Care Benefit when a child is absent on a day normally attended. All families are eligible for 30 days of allowable absences for each child per calendar year. In addition to these days Child Care Benefit is payable for all absences due to:

- ▶ illness in the family (with a medical certificate)
- ▶ non-immunisation
- ▶ attendance at preschool
- ▶ pupil free days
- ▶ public holidays
- ▶ rostered days off (with supporting documentation)
- ▶ rotating shift work.

Assessed Income: Assessed income is weekly family adjusted income. Family adjusted income comprises family taxable income, adding in net rental property losses, tax-free pensions and benefits, the value of any adjusted fringe benefits exceeding \$1000, non-taxable foreign income, and subtracting any amounts a customer pays in child maintenance.

Childcare Assistance: Childcare Assistance was a means tested payment to assist low and middle income families with the cost of child care. Childcare Assistance was paid by the Australian Government to approved child care services on behalf of eligible families so fees could be reduced at the time of care. From 1 July 2000 this payment was subsumed (along with Childcare Cash Rebate) into the Child Care Benefit.

Child Care Benefit: Child Care Benefit is a means tested payment to assist low and middle income families with the cost of child care. Child Care Benefit can be paid by the Australian Government to approved child care services on behalf of eligible families so fees can be reduced at the time of care. Child Care Benefit may alternatively be claimed by eligible families who used approved care as a lump sum at the end of each financial year. For families that use

registered care, Child Care Benefit may be claimed by presenting receipts to Family Assistance Offices. Child Care Benefit funding is administered by the Department of Family and Community Services. The Family Assistance Office (a partnership between Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office and the Health Insurance Commission) assesses family eligibility and is responsible for Child Care Benefit payments to child care services and families.

Childcare Cash Rebate: The Childcare Cash Rebate paid families a percentage of their work-related child care costs. Care must have been provided by carers who were registered with the Health Insurance Commission. Childcare Cash Rebate provided families with cash reimbursement after they had paid for child care.

Children Attending: Those children who attended a service during the reference week or who regularly attend but were absent in that week and have paid for the place.

Community Based Long Day Care Centre: A community based long day care centre is a centre providing care mainly for non school children in a centre on a not-for-profit basis. Centres may be located in residential areas, close to work places or on major transport routes. Care is mainly work related, and is provided on a regular full-time or part-time basis. Centres are generally open for at least 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, 48 weeks of the year.

Family Day Care Scheme: A family day care scheme is a network of experienced caregivers who provide care and developmental activities in their own homes for other people's young children. Schemes are administered and supported by central coordination units.

Hours Attended: Refers to actual hours children attended during the reference week. For children who usually attend but are absent during the reference week and have paid for the place, zero hours are recorded.

Hours Paid: Refers to hours paid for child care during the reference week. The number of hours paid will be different from hours attended if the service charges fees when a child is absent from care. For more information on absences see 'Allowable Absences'.

In-home Care: Where an approved carer provides care in the child's home. Families eligible for in-home care include families where the parent/s or child has an illness/disability, families in rural or remote areas and parents working shift work or non-standard hours, families with multiple births (more than two) and/or more than two children under school age, or with a breastfeeding mother working from home.

Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Program: The JET Program provides additional assistance to people receiving pensions or payments through Centrelink because they are sole parents, carers, widowed or low income families.

Mobile Children's Service: Mobile children's services are mobile resource units carrying children's services to families in rural and remote areas. They offer occasional care, school holiday care, playgroup sessions, child care, activities for older children, and toy and book library services. They also provide support and advice for parents, including health, social support, welfare and community needs. They may be linked with toy library services.

Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service (MACS): MACS is a service designed to help Aboriginal communities with their child care needs as well as with social and development needs. These services can include different types of child care depending on the community needs (eg. playgroups, centre based long day care, occasional care, and outside school hours care).

Multifunctional Children's Service: Multifunctional children's services offer a range of child care services from a single centre, for children 0-12 years in rural and remote areas to meet the care needs of both working and non-working parents.

Multiple Child Rate: There are different Child Care Benefit percentage rates for one child in care, two children in care and three or more children in care which apply where children in the same family attend the same or a similar type of care.

Occasional Care Service: Provides care mainly for non-school children. These services cater mainly for the needs of families who require short term care for their children. This Census includes occasional care centres funded prior to August 1986 and centres receiving the formula funding introduced in August 1986.

Outside School Hours Care Service: Outside school hours care services provide care for school aged children before and/or after school during the school term. Some services also provide care on 'pupil free' days. The services usually make use of established facilities such as schools, community halls, and recreation centres. For the purpose of the Census, services offering both before and after school hours care have been counted as one service, rather than two separate services.

Priority of Access: When the 2002 Census was conducted the Australian Government's Priority of Access Guidelines for services were as follows (in descending order):

- ▶ a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect
- ▶ a child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work/training/study test
- ▶ any other child.

Within each category the following children are to be given priority: children in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families; children in families which include a person with a disability; children in families on low incomes; children in families with a non-English speaking background; children in socially isolated families; children of single parents.

Private Long Day Care Centre: Private long day care centres provide care mainly for non-school children in a centre operated on a for-profit basis. Centres may be located in residential areas, close to work places or on major transport routes. Care is mainly work related, and is provided on a regular full-time or part-time basis. Centres are open for at least 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, 48 weeks of the year.

Qualifications: Formal qualifications include early childhood related teaching, OSHC specific courses, primary teaching, nursing (including Mothercraft Nursing), a Basic Child Care Certificate (one year), a Child Care Certificate or Associate Diploma (2 years), a Diploma or Degree in Child Care (3 years or more), or other qualifications relevant to the operation of a service (eg. Accountancy, Psychology, Social Work and Business Management).

Service Types: This refers to the type of child care being offered eg. centre based long day care, family day care, outside school hours care.

Staff: Includes all paid staff and unpaid helpers who worked for the service during the reference week.

Supplementary Services (SUPS) Program: SUPS helps Australian Government funded child care services to provide access and appropriate care for children with additional needs. The priority groups for the SUPS support are children with a disability, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children, children from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and Australian South Sea Islander children. SUPS support may include training, support in developing and implementing appropriate programs, provision of resources and equipment and short-term casual support.

Special Needs Subsidy Scheme (SNSS) Program: SNSS provides support for children with ongoing high additional needs to participate in mainstream child care. Forms of support include funding for additional staffing, and access to equipment for the inclusion and specialised training opportunities.

Toy Library Services: Toy libraries lend toys and games to children's services and give advice on their appropriateness to a child's developmental stage. They enable services to provide a variety of suitable toys at low cost. They are linked with mobile children's services.

Utilisation: Utilisation refers to the level of usage of a service, and can be measured in a number of ways:

- ▶ vacancy levels
- ▶ capacity to take on more children
- ▶ average hours of attendance per child
- ▶ total hours of attendance over time in comparison to the growth in places
- ▶ in this publication, utilisation is defined as total child hours paid for (where that is collected, total child hours attended otherwise) as a percentage of total capacity.

Vacation Care Service: Vacation care services provide care for school children during the school holidays.

Vacancy:

- ▶ Full-time: A full-time vacancy is where the place is available for the full day throughout the whole week.
- ▶ Part-time: A part-time vacancy is where the place is available for part of the week eg. one day and/or half days/sessions.

Work-related Care: Care required for children when both parents, or a sole parent, are in the labour force (full-time or part-time), actively seeking work, studying or training for employment. Includes one parent with a disability and not working and the other parent work-related.

APPENDIX B – FULL LIST OF DATA ITEMS IN THE CENSUS

The following information from the 2002 Census covers all service types and may relate to some services only. The information was classified by:

SERVICE INFORMATION:

Number of services
 Weeks of operation
 Hours of operation
 Fees by age
 Weekly fees
 Fees for part-time care
 Administration levy
 Caregiver levy
 Licenced places by age
 Number of services with different age groups
 Approved Equivalent Full-time (EFT)
 Employer provided places
 Provide preschool program
 Children taken to preschool
 Home visits
 Full-time and part-time vacancies
 Number of services using JET Program
 Number of services using SNSS Program
 Number of services using SUPS Program
 SUPS assistance
 Venue and rent
 Links with Year Round Care
 Types of service provided
 Transport

CHILD INFORMATION:

Number of children

Number of families

Ages of children in care

Attendance hours

Paid hours

Attendance at school

Overnight care

Employment details of parents

Characteristics of priority groups

- ▶ disability related care
- ▶ child referred because at risk of abuse or neglect
- ▶ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child
- ▶ child from culturally diverse background

Child Care Benefit

STAFF INFORMATION:

Number of staff

Cultural background

Employment status/caregiver work status

Owner/manager (private centres)

Qualifications/experience

In-service training

Major type of work

Hours worked

Age of staff eg. senior/junior (centres)

Number of caregivers own children (under 5 years) at home (FDC and IHC caregivers only)

APPENDIX C

Further information regarding the Australian Government Child Care Program

The Department of Family and Community Services would be pleased to provide you with further information relating to this publication. Please contact the Department on the following number:

National Office (Canberra) 1800 500 584*

For general information or queries on the Australian Government Child Care Program please contact your State or Territory office on 1300 653 227**

* *A free call unless calling from a mobile or pay phone.*

** *For the cost of a local call unless calling from a mobile phone.*

