

PROFORMA FOR PROVIDING DATA ON ACCESS TO FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Children commencing intensive family support services, by Indigenous status, 2017-2018 (number)

	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number of non-Indigenous children	Program name / type (if data can be disaggregated by program)
Children commencing intensive family support services	218	452	Tertiary family preservation/reunification services

Comments:

Source: Report on Government Services 2019 Table 16A.31.

2018-19 data will not be available until January 2020.

Children commencing family support services (non-intensive), by Indigenous status, 2017-2018 (number)

	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number of non-Indigenous children	Program name / type (if data can be disaggregated by program)
Children commencing a family support service	N/A	N/A	

Comments:

Other data related to family support services (non-intensive) and participation in family support services following commencement is not readily available.

PROFORMA FOR PROVIDING DATA ON PERMANENCY AND ADOPTION

1. **Children subject to a permanent care order* (or equivalent order in your jurisdiction), number and rate, by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (i.e. Indigenous) status of the child, at 30 June 2018.** (Data provided in the table below)

	Number and rate per 1000 of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number and rate per 1000 of non-Indigenous children	% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with an Indigenous carer	% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with a relative/kinship carer
Children subject to a permanent care order or equivalent	380 9.9 per 1,000 children	365 0.6 per 1,000 children	Not readily available	Not readily available

** Please provide the name of the order: In AIHW Child Protection Australia, these are termed "Finalised third-party parental responsibility orders"; in Western Australia these are protection orders (special guardianship).*

2. **Children admitted to a permanent care order* (or equivalent order in your jurisdiction), by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (i.e. Indigenous) status of the children, in 2017 – 2018.** (Data on children admitted to a finalised guardianship is not currently available)
3. **For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a permanent care order at 30 June 2018, number and % who are placed with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander carer.** (Data is not readily available)
4. **For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a permanent care order at 30 June 2018 number and % who are placed with a relative/kinship carer.** (Data is not readily available)

5. **Children subject to a finalised guardianship order* (or equivalent order in your jurisdiction), number and rate, by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (i.e. Indigenous) status of the child, at 30 June 2018.** (Data provided in the table below)

	Number and rate per 1000 of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number and rate per 1000 of non-Indigenous children	% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with an Indigenous carer	% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with a relative/kinship carer
Children subject to a finalised guardianship order	380 9.9 per 1,000 children	365 0.6 per 1,000 children	Not readily available	Not readily available

Comments:

Source: *Child Protection Australia 2017-18* Table S30 and Table S64

2018-19 data will not be available until 2020.

Data on the carer/s to whom the order was issued is incomplete in the WA Department of Communities file system. The Indigenous status of guardians would require manual review to establish.

6. **Children admitted to a finalised guardianship order* (or equivalent order in your jurisdiction), by Aboriginal and Torres (i.e. Indigenous) status of the children, in 2017 – 2018.** (Data on children admitted to a finalised guardianship is not currently available)
7. **For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a finalised guardianship order at 30 June 2018, number and % who are placed with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander carer.** (Data is not readily available)
8. **For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a finalised guardianship order at 30 June 2018, number and % who are placed with a kinship carer.** (Data is not readily available)
9. **Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were admitted to an adoption order during the 2017-18 year.** (Numbers per annum are too low to publish as this could potentially identify these individuals)
10. **For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children admitted to an adoption order, number who were adopted by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.** (Numbers per annum are too low to publish as this could potentially identify these individuals)

Comments:

National figures are published in *Adoptions Australia 2017-18*. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are adopted each year is typically small; however, the number seen in 2017–18 was about twice the figure finalised in 2016–17. In 2017–18, nine Indigenous children had adoption orders finalised in Australia. This was the third-highest number of finalised adoptions of Indigenous children in the 25-year period to 2017–18. Of these children, one was adopted by Indigenous Australians and eight were adopted by other Australians (AIHW Adoptions Australia data collection).

2018-19 data is not yet available.

PROFORMA FOR PROVIDING DATA ON REUNIFICATION / RESTORATION AND RECONNECTION

Please provide whatever data is available across each and any of the variables for each and any of the years, even if the tables are incomplete.

REUNIFICATION/RESTORATION

Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2000/01	Children admitted to care and protection orders	416	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	398	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2001/02	Children admitted to care and protection orders	507	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	495	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-

Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2002/03	Children admitted to care and protection orders	437	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	429	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2003/04	Children admitted to care and protection orders	441	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	429	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2004/05	Children admitted to care and protection orders	513	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	487	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2005/06	Children admitted to care and protection orders	753	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	644	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-

Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2006/07	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1362	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	1163	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2007/08	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1568	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	1242	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2008/09	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1355	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	708	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2009/10	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1364	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	781	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-

Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2010/11	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1238	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	981	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2011/12	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1619	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	1154	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2012/13	Children admitted to care and protection orders	908	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	767	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2013/14	Children admitted to care and protection orders	926	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	846	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-

Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2014/15	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1181	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	756	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2015/16	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1129	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	748	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2016/17	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1169	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	710	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-
Year	Metric	Total Frequency	Indigenous children	All other children
2017/18	Children admitted to care and protection orders	1191	-	-
	Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time	817	-	-
	Number of children who were reunified/restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission	-	-	-
	Overall number of children reunified/restored to birth parents in the year	-	-	-

Comments:

Source: *Child Protection Australia 2000-01 to 2017-18*.

Data is not available by Indigenous status.

Data prior to 2006 may not be comparable with prior years due to the introduction of new orders in the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* enacted in 2006. Data from 2010 onwards may not be comparable to prior years due to the introduction of a new client system in March 2010.

2018-19 data will not be available until January 2020.

Data on reunification within 12 months of an order being issued is not currently available. A national permanency planning indicator framework is currently under development and will contain selected reunification indicators.

RECONNECTION

Year	Metric	Number	% of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care
2017/18	Aboriginal and Torres Islander children placed with relatives/kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers	1,474	60.1%
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in a relative/kinship placement at 30 June 2018 who moved from a non-relative/kinship care placement to a relative/kinship care placement during the reporting period	-	-

Comments:

Source: *Report on Government Services 2019* Table 16A.21

2018-19 data will not be available until January 2020.

Data on placement change have not been provided as the timing of the placement change has not been indicated in the request.

The table noted a request for data on Aboriginal and Torres Islander children admitted to care and placed with relatives/kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers. As these are two different data sets, the table has been amended to reflect data on Aboriginal and Torres Islander children placed with relatives/kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers as provided for the Family Matters Report 2018.

EXPENDITURE ON ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY CONTROLLED SERVICES 2017-18 (WA)

	\$ Total expenditure 2017-18 (funded services)	\$ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community- controlled services (funded services)	% of total expenditure on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community- controlled services (funded services)
Family Support	\$28,845,549	\$3,283,560	11%
Intensive Family Support			
Child Protection¹	\$45,734,122	\$6,042,593	13%
Out of Home Care	\$53,145,243	\$6,048,594	11%
Total	\$127,724,914	\$15,374,746	12%

¹ Child protection investigations and assessments are undertaken by the Department of Communities (Communities). Therefore, there is no funding provided to external organisations, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations, to deliver these services. In 2017-18, 5.8 per cent of Communities workforce was of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (this includes the former agencies Department of Child Protection and Family Support, Department of Housing and Housing Authority, Disability Services Commission, Communities component of the Department of Local Government and Communities, Regional Services Reform Unit and Regional coordination and engagement component of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs). One of the main drivers of children and families having contact with CPFS is family and domestic violence. Therefore, the expenditure provided under “Child Protection” is the total expenditure provided to external organisations to provide family and domestic violence support services throughout the State.