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ABBREVIATIONS

APG	Aboriginal Playgroup and Enrichment Programs
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
CCB	Child Care Benefit
COM	Community long day care
FaCS	Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services
FDC	Family day care
F/T	Full-time
IHC	In home care
LDC	Long day care services
MACS	Multifunctional Aboriginal children's services
MFC	Multifunctional children's services
MOB	Mobile and toy library services
No.	Number
OCC	Occasional care services
OSHC	Outside school hours care
P/T	Part-time
PRI	Private long day care
SUPS	Supplementary Services
SNSS	Special Needs Subsidy Scheme
VAC	Vacation care services
WKS	Weeks
YRS	Years

INTRODUCTION

Child care is an integral part of the Government's strategy to promote the well-being of Australian families. The vast majority of child care funding goes towards the payment of Child Care Benefit (CCB), which assists parents with the cost of child care. In particular, Australian Government Child Care Support contributes by:

- ▶ helping families to participate in the economic and social life of the community through assisting families with the cost of child care;
- ▶ helping families to balance their work and parenting roles by promoting and supporting the provision of flexible child care services;
- ▶ developing and educating children through funding quality child care, quality assurance of child care services and professional development for the child care sector; and
- ▶ providing access to early childhood intervention and prevention initiatives for vulnerable families and children through funding quality child care services.

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 approved and funded child care. It is used extensively for monitoring growth, operation of services and assisting in policy formulation and planning. Externally the data is made available to State and local governments, peak child care organisations, the Productivity Commission's Review of Government Service Provision and for research into child care.

This booklet details the findings of the 2004 Census of Child Care Services conducted by the Australian Government 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 (Table A) indicates the dates each service type was surveyed.

Table A: Census dates for the 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services.

Service Type	Date of Census (2004)
Long Day Care centres (Private and Community)	22 to 28 March
Family Day Care schemes	22 to 28 March
In home care services	22 to 28 March
Outside School Hours Care services	22 to 26 March
Vacation Care services ⁽¹⁾	
- NSW, SA, WA, ACT	19 to 23 April
- Tas	31 May to 4 June
- Qld, Vic, NT	28 June to 2 July
Occasional Care services	22 to 28 March
Multifunctional Children's services	22 to 28 March
Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's services	22 to 28 March
Mobile and Toy Library services	22 March to 4 April
Aboriginal Playgroups and Enrichment Programs	22 to 26 March

(1) Date variations were due to the different vacation care periods across Australia.

Note: Some service types located in regional Queensland were surveyed on different dates. In Toowoomba LDC, FDC, IHC and OCC were surveyed 29 March to 4 April, and OSHC was surveyed 29 March to 2 April. In Ayr and Bowen VAC services were surveyed 5 to 9 July. The date variations were due to local public holidays.

A brief description of each service type 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 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services and when comparing data from previous years:

- ▶ Due to definitional changes, the 2004 Census private long day care and community long day care counts are not comparable with censuses prior to 2002. In 1999 and previously, a service was classified as being 'private' or 'community' depending on the management structure of the service. In 2004, as in 2002, classification is based on the management structure of the legal entity that owns the service.
- ▶ Unless stated otherwise, the data in this report has not been weighted up for non-responding services. This is consistent with the data in the previous reports, with the exception of the 1996/1997 Census where data 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 2004 Census, 2002 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 2001 Census and other 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 2004 Census was conducted in March. 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 Australian Government approved and funded child care services, which were operational at 3 February 2004.

The electronic lodgement of long day care data was further developed for the 2004 Census. As a result the number of long day care centres using the electronic form increased to 40% in 2004 from 35% in 2002. Family day care schemes have been providing data electronically since 1997, with 91% of the responding schemes providing data electronically in 2004.

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 of Summary Tables). A total of 8,989 operational services were asked to participate in the 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services. Of these, 7,901 services provided information that has been included in this report. The overall response rate was 88%. Response rates for each service type are: 85% for private long day care centres, 97% for community long day care centres, 98% for family day care schemes, 94% for in home care schemes, 88% for outside school hours care services, 82% for vacation care services, 96% for occasional care services, 100% for multifunctional children's services, 83% for multifunctional Aboriginal children's services, 90% for mobile and toy library services and 100% for Aboriginal playgroup and enrichment programs.

In 1991 the overall response rate of the Census was around 96%, falling to 85% in 2002. The current Census response rate was 88%. Work undertaken in the development and conduct of the 2004 Census, including extensive consultation with child care providers in the development phase and follow-up contacts with services, may have helped to address this steady decline.

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 Australian Government's *Families and children have choices and opportunities* outcome as it helps parents to balance work and family commitments and children to learn and develop. 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.

In the six years to 2003-2004, the Australian Government spent approximately \$8.8 billion on child care, and expects to spend a further \$8 billion over this and the next three years. Between the 1999 and 2002 Censuses the estimated number of children using child care increased by 27 per cent, from 577,500 to 732,100, increasing again between 2002 and 2004 by 2.8 per cent to 752,800.

Several child care initiatives aimed at making child care places available were announced in December 2003. These included the provision of an additional 10,000 outside school hours care places and 2,500 family day care places¹. Between June 1996 and September 2004 the number of operational outside school hours care places increased 253% to 253,700 and the number of operational family day care places increased 24% to 74,500.

¹ These places were an advance on the 40,000 new outside school hours care places and 4,000 extra family day care places allocated in the 2004 Budget.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The following is a summary of the key findings of the 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services, with a comparison to the results of the 2002 Census.

Services

- ▶ The total number of services asked to participate in the 2004 Census was 8,989. The overall response rate for the 2004 Census was 88%. This was an improvement on the 2002 response rate of 85%.
- ▶ The number of child care services increased. This growth in the number of services is reflected by an increase of 217 (8%) in the number of private long day care services, and an increase of 15 (1%) in the number of community long day care services. The number of outside school hours care services increased by 34 (just over 1%). Since the inclusion of in home care in 2002, the number of in home care services has increased by 22 (44%).
- ▶ In 2004, the average weekly fee in private long day care centres was \$208, an increase from \$184 in 2002. In community long day care, the average fee increased from \$188 in 2002 to \$211 in 2004.
- ▶ In 2004, the average weekly fee in family day care schemes (for 50 hours in care) was \$185 compared to \$163 in 2002.
- ▶ The average fee charged per session was \$6.68 for before school care and \$10.28 for after school care in 2004. This compares with \$5.91 and \$9.34 respectively in 2002.

Children

- ▶ There were an estimated 752,800 children attending child care at March 2004 (this includes an estimate for non-responding services). This compares with an estimated 732,100 children attending child care in 2002 (an increase of 2.8%).
- ▶ At March 2004, 79% of the children attending a long day care centre attended that centre for less than 30 hours a week. Fifty-eight per cent of the children attending a long day care centre attended for less than 20 hours a week. This is the same as in 2002.
- ▶ Family day care attendance declined over the period 2002 to 2004. In 2004 an estimated 89,300 children attended family day care during the reference week down from 95,630 in 2002 (a decrease of 6.6%). In March 2004, on average 80% of the children attending family day care schemes attended for less than 30 hours a week.
- ▶ In home care experienced a large increase in the number of children attending, an estimated 3,240 in 2004 up from 1,500 in 2002 (an increase of nearly 116%). This increase reflected the steady take up of IHC places. Seventy four per cent of children attending in-home schemes attended for less than 30 hours per week.
- ▶ The number of children attending outside school hours care (before and after school care) in March 2004 was estimated to be 160,800 up from 148,040 in 2002 (an increase of 8.6%).

- ▶ The proportion of children identified as being from a culturally diverse background increased to approximately 12% in 2004. The proportion of children identified as having a disability remained at about 2%.

Staff

- ▶ At March 2004, an estimated 82,275 paid and around 2,995 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 approved and funded child care services. There were also an estimated 12,018 family day care caregivers providing care in their own homes and 846 in home care caregivers providing care in other people's homes.
 - This compares with an estimated 76,185 paid and 4,336 unpaid staff in 2002. There were an estimated 12,816 family day care caregivers and 429 in home care caregivers in 2002.
- ▶ At March 2004, 42% of all staff working in long day care centres were employed full-time, 30% were employed part-time, 25% were paid casuals, and 3% were unpaid.
 - This compares to 2002, where 42% were employed full-time, 25% were employed part-time, 27% were paid casual, and 6% were unpaid. Between 2002 and 2004 part time staff numbers increased by 37% in private long day care centres and 12% in community long day care centres, while over the same period the numbers of all other paid staff increased by 2% for both private and community long day care centres.
- ▶ On average staff in long day care centres worked slightly longer hours in 2004; 29 hours 10 minutes per week in private long day care services and 26 hours 55 minutes in community long day care centres. In 2002 staff worked on average 28 hours 53 minutes per week in private long day care centres and 26 hours 24 minutes per week in community long day care centres.
- ▶ Around 60% of all long day care centre staff had some type of formal qualification relevant to the sector in 2004. This compares to 55% in 2002. Twenty five percent of family day care caregivers and 32% of in home care caregivers had formal qualifications in 2004, compared with 25% of family day care caregivers and 34% of in home care caregivers in 2002.

RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Services

Of the 7,901 services participating in the Census for 2004, 48% were long day care centres (see Table B below), catering for an average of 89 children per centre (see Table C over) during the reference week. Family day care schemes represented 4% of total services and catered for an average of 278 children per scheme. Outside school hours care services made up 27% of total services, with an average of 67 children per service, while vacation care services (17%) catered for an average of 63 children per service.

Table B: The distribution of respondent services in the Australian Government Census of Child Care Services, 2004 compared with 2002.

Service type	Number of respondent services 2002	%	Number of respondent services 2004	%
Private long day care centres	2,178	29	2,515	32
Community long day care centres	1,253	17	1,297	16
Family day care schemes	318	4	318	4
In home care schemes	45	1	68	1
Outside school hours care services	2,098	28	2,137	27
Occasional care services	101	1	101	1
Vacation care services	1,275	17	1,340	17
Other service types	127	2	125	2
Total	7,395	100	7,901	100

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding

The distribution of services varies across States and Territories. There are more private long day care centres than community long day care centres in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. This is reversed in South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the ACT where there are fewer private long day care centres operating than community long day care centres.

Table C: The number of services and children, and the average number of children by service type 1999, 2002 and 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services (unweighted data).

Service Type	1999 Census	2002 Census	2004 Census
Private Long Day Care¹			
Services	2,617	2,178	2,515
Children	193,785	200,815	229,263
Average children per service	74.0	92.2	91.2
Community Long Day Care¹			
Services	1,016	1,253	1,297
Children	76,450	107,317	109,404
Average children per service	75.2	85.6	84.4
Family Day Care			
Services	313	318	318
Children	81,418	93,450	88,408
Average children per service	260	294	278
Outside school hours care			
Services	1,828	2,098	2,137
Children	99,902	131,433	142,513
Average children per service	54.7	62.6	66.7
Vacation care			
Services	1,080	1,275	1,340
Children	57,521	82,339	84,543
Average children per service	53.3	64.6	63.1

1. *Private and Community long day care is not directly comparable between 1999, and 2002/2004 due to changes in the definition of what constitutes a private or community service². The apparently large shift towards community long day care, 1999 to 2002, is most likely a result of this definitional change.*

Opening hours

Long day care centres opened on average 10 hours 48 minutes per day with 91% 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 7% 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 (18%) received overnight care.

Very few respondent long day care centres operated on weekends, just 21 in total (16 private and 5 community long day care centres), and of these services eight operated on both Saturday and Sunday (5 private and 3 community long day care centres). In March 2004, there were two long day care centres open for 24 hours a day.

² In 1999, a service was classified as being 'private' or 'community' depending on the management structure of the service. In 2002 and 2004, classification is based on the management structure of the legal entity that owns the service.

After school care services provided an average of 3 hours 2 minutes of care per day and before school care provided an average of 1 hour 52 minutes of care per day. Vacation care services operated on average 10 hours 33 minutes per day.

Occasional care services were open for 8 hours 20 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 1 minute per day.

Fees

The average weekly fee was \$208 for private long day care centres and \$211 for community long day centres. In family day care schemes the average weekly fee was \$185. Outside school hours care services charged on average \$6.68 per session for before school care and \$10.28 per session for after school care. Vacation care services charged an average of \$139 per week.

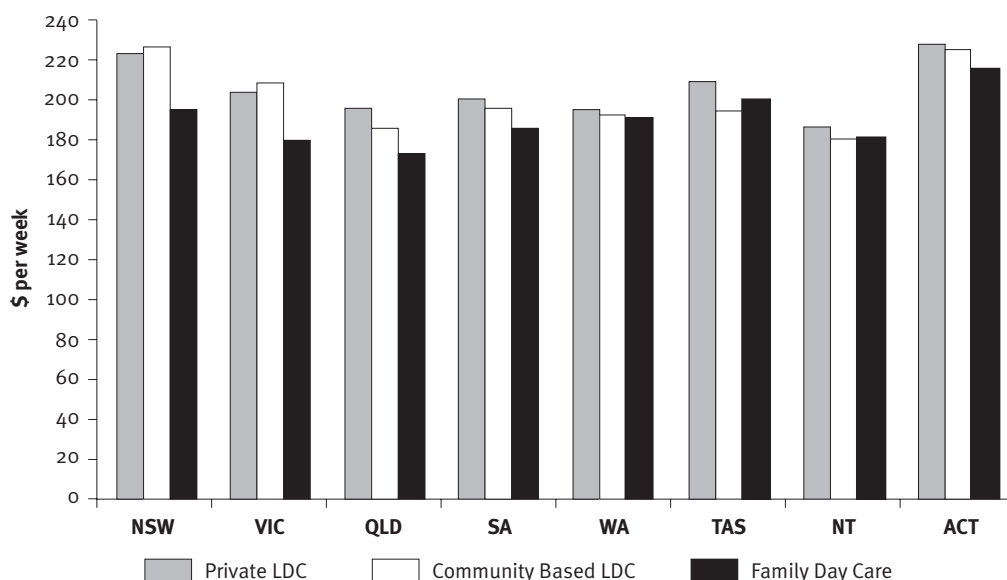
Occasional care and in home care services usually charge on an hourly basis, with an average \$5.35 per hour being reported for occasional care and \$11.84 per hour being reported for in home care in the 2004 Census.

State comparison

The Australian Capital Territory had the highest average weekly fees for private long day care and family day care, while community long day care average fees were highest in New South Wales. The lowest average fees for private and community long day care were in the Northern Territory, while Queensland had the lowest average fees for family day care (see Figure 1 below).

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

Figure 1: Comparison of weekly fees by service type by State from the 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services



Age group fees

For long day care centres, the Census includes tables on specific fees for different age groups ie. 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). During the Census reference week the average weekly fee for 1 year olds was \$217, for 2 year olds \$211 and for 3 year olds \$206.

Utilisation

In 2004, the average utilisation in long day care centres, as measured by total child hours paid for as a percentage of total capacity, was 85% (85% in private and 84% in community long day care). This compares to average utilisation in long day care centres of 88% in 2002 (with 89% in private and 86% in community long day care centres).

In 2004, the average utilisation in family day care schemes was 68%, compared to 77% in 2002. The decline in family day care utilisation can be partly attributed to both the timing of the 2004 Census and to some extent, the allocation of new FDC places just prior to the 2004 Census. Both of these factors impact on the current methodology for calculating utilisation rates, since there were less children using care and more available places.

Children

As at March 2004, it was estimated that around 752,800 children (this includes an estimate of non-respondent services) attended Australian Government approved and funded child care services (this data measures occurrences of care and will include some double counting where children attend more than one service) (see Table D below). This is an increase of approximately 20,700 (or 3%) since 2002. There were an estimated 475,560 children in private and community long day care centres, family day care and in home care schemes, an increase of around 11,290 (or 2%) since 2002.

In family day care, the number of children decreased from 95,630 in 2002 to 89,300 in 2004. This decrease can be partly attributed to the timing of the 2004 Census. Family day care usage reaches its peak around the middle of the school term and tapers off as the school holidays approach. The 2004 Census was held close (one to two weeks prior) to the commencement of the school holiday period, whereas the 2002 Census was conducted mid-term (six to eight weeks prior to the holidays) resulting in a drop in child numbers.

The significant increase from 2002 to 2004 (116%) in the number of children accessing in home care reflects the increased allocation of places made available by the current Government combined with the steady demand for this form of care.

In outside school hours care services the number of children was 160,800, compared to 148,040 in 2002 (an increase of 9%). The number of children in vacation care services in 2004 was 101,710 a 2% decrease on the 103,560 attending this form of care in 2002.

Table D: Children by service type (including estimates for non-responding services) for the 1999, 2002 and 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services.

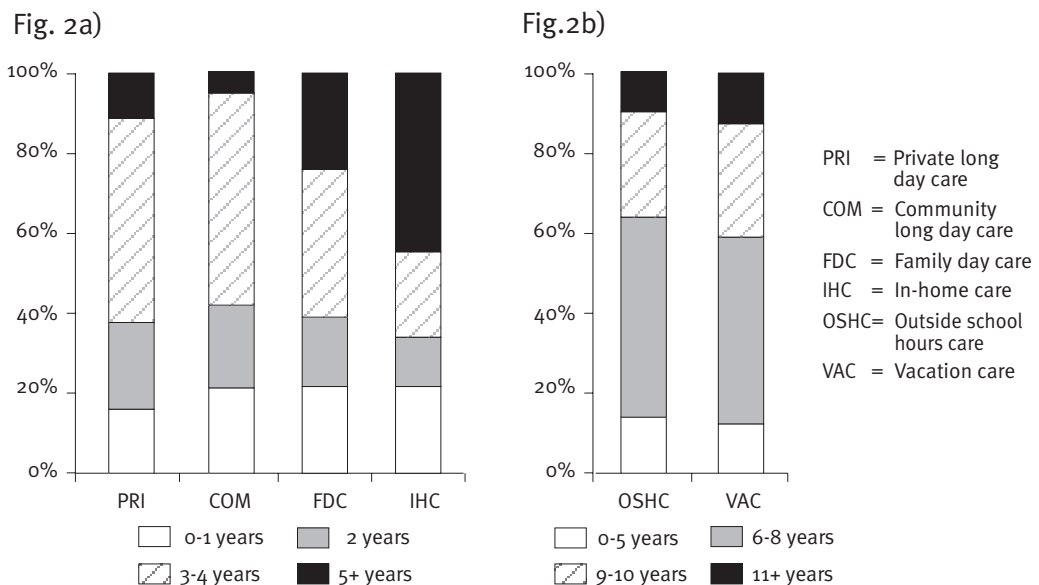
Service Type	1999 Census		2002 Census		2004 Census	
	Est. No.	%	Est. No.	%	Est. No.	%
Private long day care	220,210	38	254,100	35	269,330	36
Community long day care	81,330	14	113,040	15	113,690	15
Family day care	83,080	14	95,630	13	89,300	12
In home care	–	–	1,500	< 1	3,240	<1
Outside school hours care	107,420	19	148,040	20	160,800	21
Vacation care	69,300	12	103,560	14	101,710	14
Other service types	16,110	1	16,280	1	14,700	1
TOTAL	577,450	100	732,150	100	752,750	100

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding

Ages of children

Approximately 92% of children in Australian Government approved long day care services were under 5 years of age (see Figures 2a and 2b below). The proportion of children in care under the age of 2 years increased from 2002 to 2004. Sixteen per cent of children in private long day care centres were under 2 years of age (14% in 2002), 21% in community centres (19% in 2002), 22% in family day care (21% in 2002), and 22% in in home care schemes (22% in 2002).

Figures 2a and 2b: Age distribution of children by service type for the 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services.



At the time of the Census, 5% of children in Australian Government-funded long day care centres attended school, the same as in 2002. Around 23% of children using family day care attended school, compared to 24% in 2002.

Hours of attendance per week

While 91% of long day care centres open for 50 hours or more a week, only 3% of children attended care for 50 hours or more. As in 2002, 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 20% respectively. Tasmania again had the lowest proportion of children in full-time long day care at 6%.

The majority of children in all types of long day care services attended for less than 20 hours per week during the Census reference week. In long day care centres 58% of children attended for less than 20 hours a week, and 24% 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. For children attending in home care, 59% attended for less than 20 hours and 33% attended for less than 10 hours per week.

The trend of increased hours of attendance for children using occasional care continued in the 2004 Census. Only 28% of children in occasional care attended between 2 and 4 hours per week, compared with 30% in 2002 and 40% in 1999. In 2004 as in 2002, 24% of children attended for between 10 and 19 hours per week, compared with 17% in 1999 and 15% in 1996. Ten per cent of children attended for more than 20 hours per week, a steady increase on numbers observed in previous Censuses where 8% was seen in 2002, 6% seen in 1999 and 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 29 minutes per week paid, approximately 19 hours 53 minutes 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 centres. On average, 19 hours 15 minutes of care per week were paid for and approximately 18 hours 37 minutes 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 2004 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 on lower incomes, children from a culturally diverse background, children in socially isolated families and children of single parents.

Children at risk

Less than 1% of all children using care at March 2004 were referred because of risk of serious neglect or abuse. This has not changed since 2002.

Work-related care

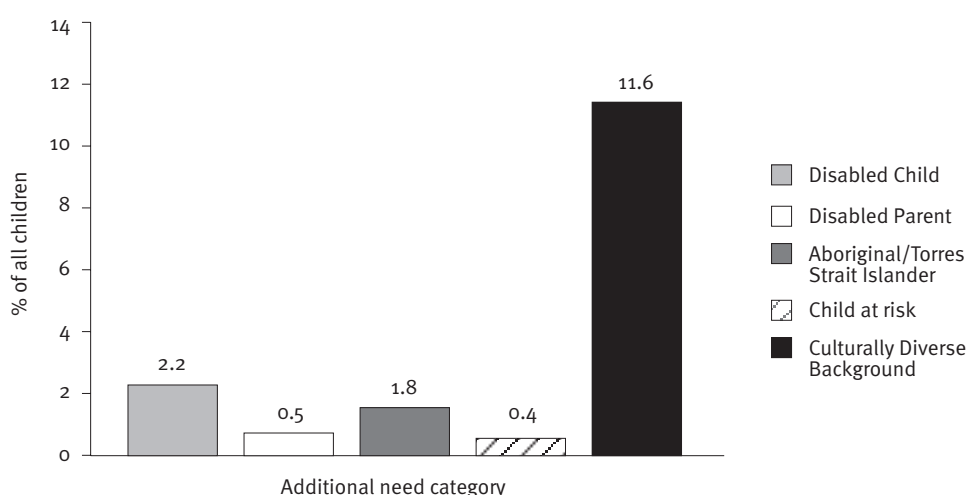
During the 2004 Census reference week 90% of children's paid for hours in long day care centres were for work related care, compared to 88% in 2002. In 2004 the amount of work related care was 91% in community long day care and 89% in private long day care. In family day care 88% of children's paid for hours in 2004 were for work-related care, compared to 89% in 2002.

In outside school hours care the proportion of work related care remained at 97%. Work related care in vacation care has remained fairly steady over time (93% in 2004, 94% in 2002 and 95% in 1999). Forty-nine per cent of children's paid hours for occasional care were for work related care.

Additional needs children

The Supplementary Services (SUPS) program supports Australian Government funded child care services to improve the quality of care provided by increasing the access and participation of children with additional needs and facilitating developmentally and culturally appropriate programs. The priority groups for SUPS support include children from culturally diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Australian South Sea Islander children, and 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 for additional staffing to increase the child to staff ratio, relief for staff/carers to attend specialist training and access to specialist equipment.

Figure 3: Children with additional needs as a proportion of all children in care at the time of the 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services.



Approximately 2% of children in long day care services (including long day care centres, family day care schemes and in home care schemes) were identified as being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families. Indigenous representation was higher in the Northern Territory with 7% of children. These figures compare to 4% of the total Australian population in the 0-4 age group in 2001 (2001 ABS Population Census).

The proportion of children with a disability using long day care (including long day care centres, family day care schemes and in home care schemes) at March 2004 was 2.2%. This is the same as reported in the 2002 Census and compares with 3% reported in the 1999 Census. In 2003 children with a disability comprised 4.3% of the total population in the 0-4 age group (ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2003). Within all long day care, in home care had the highest proportion of children with a disability (16.0% in 2004, an increase on the 13.8% of 2002). Representation was lower in long day care centres (1.4% overall with 1.2% in private long day care and 1.9% in community long day care) and family day care (3.4%).

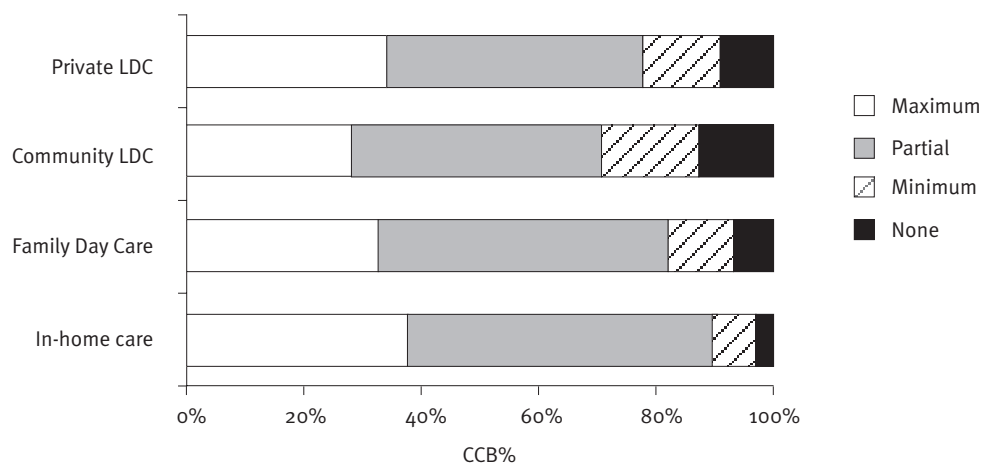
The proportion of children using long day care from a culturally diverse background at March 2004 was nearly 12%. This is the same as May 2002. Children identified as being from culturally diverse backgrounds comprised 13% of users in long day care centres, 9% of users in family day care schemes and 4% of users in in home care schemes.

Eighteen per cent of all children in long day care centres (private and community long day care) came from sole parent families. This is a similar proportion to 2002. In family day care and in home care schemes 25% of children in care came from sole parent families.

Child Care Benefit

Child Care Benefit replaced Child Care Assistance and Child Care Cash Rebate from 1 July 2000. An estimated 515,915 families (this includes an estimate of non-respondent services) were assisted through Child Care Benefit fee relief at the time of the 2004 Census, up 3% on 2002. 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-one per cent of all families using long day care centres, family day care and in home care schemes received some Child Care Benefit as fee relief (see Figure 4 opposite). This was made up of 91% of families using private long day care centres, 88% using community long day care centres, 94% using family day care schemes and 97% of in home care schemes. Maximum Child Care Benefit was received by 33% of all families using long day care centres, family day care and in home care schemes.

Figure 4: Proportion of families receiving Child Care Benefit as fee relief (maximum, minimum or partial rate).



Staff

For the 2004 Census, an estimated 82,275 paid staff and 12,864 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 (see Table E below).

Table E: The distribution of paid staff across the different service types at the time of the 2004 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services (including an estimate of non-respondent services).

Service Type	Number of paid staff	%
Private long day care	33,273	40
Community long day care	18,832	23
Family day care schemes – coordination unit staff only	1,786	2
In home care schemes - coordination unit staff only	195	<1
Outside school hours care services	12,997	16
Vacation care services	13,280	16
Occasional care services	953	1
Other service types	959	1
TOTAL	82,275	100

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding

While these figures represent paid staff, there were also an estimated 2,995 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 from 11.9 staff per service in 2002 to 12.1 staff per service in 2004. This increase was reflected for both private and community long day services, from an average of 10.9 to 11.2 staff per service for private services and an average of 13.6 to 14.0 staff per service for community services.

Formal qualifications

Sixty per cent of all long day care staff had formal qualifications, compared with 55% in 2002 and 54% in 1999. Private and community long day care centres had equal proportions (60%) of qualified staff. In family day care schemes, 73% of coordination staff and 25% of caregivers had formal qualifications. In in home care schemes, 71% of coordination staff and 32% of caregivers had formal qualifications.

Of staff in long day care centres who had formal qualifications, 81% held a Child Care Certificate or Diploma/Bachelor of Child Care compared with 77% in 2002 and 71% in 1999. Sixteen per cent held teaching qualifications, 4% held nursing qualifications and 10% had other relevant qualifications. Some staff held more than one qualification.

In 2004, there were 40% of staff in outside school hours care services and 41% of staff in vacation care services with formal qualifications. This was an increase on the 38% of outside school hours and vacation care services staff with formal qualifications in 2002. There were 58% of staff in occasional care services with formal qualifications, 48% of staff in multifunctional services and 41% of staff in multifunctional Aboriginal children's services.

In-service training

Seventy-four per cent of all staff (excluding those staff working in vacation care services and Aboriginal playgroups and enrichment programs) and 82% of caregivers undertook in-service training related to child care, financial or management subjects in the twelve months prior to the Census.

Of long day care staff who have undertaken in-service training, 19% undertook training for additional needs children, while 70% of staff undertook other child care related training courses in the previous 12 months. Eight per cent undertook management/financial training and 63% participated in other relevant training (eg. First Aid Certificate).

Hours worked

The hours that staff worked varied with the service type. Sixty one per cent of staff in private long day care centres and 51% in community long day care centres worked 30 hours or more per week. A significant proportion of staff in the Northern Territory (29%) worked 40 hours or more per week in community long day centres. Also, a significant proportion of staff in New South Wales in community long day centres (27%) and private long day care centres (24%) worked more than 40 hours per week. On average long day care centre workers, worked 26 hours 55 minutes in community long day care services, and 29 hours 10 minutes in private long day care services during the week of the 2004 Census.

In family day care, 86% of caregivers worked 30 hours a week or more, with 40% of in home caregivers working more than 30 hours per week.

Major type of work

Tasks that involve direct contact with children take up most time in the working day for 83% of staff in long day care centres. Administrative tasks take up most time for 10% of staff in long day care centres and 54% of staff in family day care coordination units.

Table 1. Respondent Services as a Percentage of all Services, by Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

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 +	1051	85	435	86	686	85	72	87	213	81	19	100	13	87	26	87	2515	85
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	494	98	299	97	179	96	105	92	94	96	43	98	28	88	55	96	1297	97
Family Day Care Schemes	102	99	70	96	87	99	15	100	21	100	11	100	6	100	6	100	318	98
In-home Care Schemes	17	94	14	82	22	100	2	100	8	100	3	100	0	0	2	100	68	94
Outside School Hours Care *	561	89	656	88	411	86	229	91	112	84	62	94	38	88	68	89	2137	88
Vacation Care	411	88	233	74	343	85	160	89	99	74	45	88	25	69	24	73	1340	82
Occasional Care	43	98	22	96	15	100	1	50	12	100	4	100	1	100	3	75	101	96
Multifunctional Services	1	100	2	100	3	100	2	100	2	100	0	0	3	100	0	0	13	100
MACS	10	91	5	71	2	67	5	100	5	100	1	100	2	50	0	0	30	83
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	10	100	5	100	5	83	2	67	2	67	0	0	3	100	0	0	27	90
Aboriginal Playgroups	7	100	5	100	22	100	4	100	11	100	0	0	6	100	0	0	55	100
TOTAL SERVICES	2707	89	1746	87	1775	87	597	90	579	84	188	94	125	84	184	88	7901	88

+ Note: Private and Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

* 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, 2004

CHILDREN	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	77839	37	41536	29	76850	46	9076	16	19274	41	1529	9	917	12	2242	15	229263	34
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	38543	18	25244	17	14884	9	11479	20	8268	17	4911	27	1679	23	4396	29	109404	16
Family Day Care Schemes	28933	14	20624	14	17886	11	7983	14	5838	12	4582	26	884	12	1678	11	88408	13
In-home Care Schemes	820	0	403	0	943	1	118	0	350	1	417	2	0	0	54	0	3105	0
Outside School Hours Care	37317	18	39177	27	33026	20	16614	29	5983	13	3456	19	1798	24	5142	34	142513	21
Vacation Care	24183	11	14915	10	22008	13	11653	20	6091	13	2738	15	1344	18	1611	11	84543	13
Occasional Care	2733	1	2074	1	1121	1	86	0	919	2	220	1	5	0	201	1	7359	1
Multifunctional Services	83	0	268	0	209	0	227	0	155	0	0	0	123	2	0	0	1065	0
MACS	556	0	241	0	97	0	163	0	218	0	65	0	114	2	0	0	1454	0
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	859	0	612	0	695	0	121	0	136	0	0	0	388	5	0	0	2811	0
Aboriginal Playgroups	197	0	56	0	517	0	176	0	124	0	0	0	141	2	0	0	1211	0
TOTAL CHILDREN *	212063	100	145150	100	168236	100	57696	100	47356	100	17918	100	7393	100	15324	100	671136	100

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* 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, 2004

PAID STAFF, FDC AND IHC CAREGIVERS	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	9046	33	5999	32	9140	44	1127	17	2279	38	193	9	165	14	398	15	28347	33
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	6464	24	4251	22	2514	12	1726	26	1210	20	717	33	370	32	872	33	18124	21
Family Day Care Schemes - Staff only	631	2	337	2	397	2	145	2	114	2	75	3	27	2	44	2	1770	2
Family Day Care Schemes - Caregivers	3793	14	2872	15	2639	13	937	14	710	12	461	21	154	13	327	12	11893	14
In-home Care Schemes - Staff only	39	0	38	0	55	0	4	0	20	0	23	1	0	0	5	0	184	0
In-home Care Schemes - Caregivers	221	1	106	1	263	1	34	1	80	1	94	4	0	0	13	0	811	1
Outside School Hours Care	3103	11	2955	16	2647	13	1209	18	543	9	259	12	161	14	654	25	11531	13
Vacation Care	3155	12	2094	11	2788	13	1397	21	754	13	295	14	183	16	332	12	10998	13
Occasional Care	362	1	215	1	161	1	12	0	100	2	44	2	10	1	22	1	926	1
Multifunctional Services *	12	0	35	0	43	0	33	0	27	0	0	0	29	2	0	0	179	0
MACS	124	0	54	0	30	0	44	1	62	1	15	1	22	2	0	0	351	0
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	44	0	65	0	12	0	20	0	21	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	174	0
Aboriginal Playgroups	28	0	9	0	55	0	21	0	22	0	0	0	28	2	0	0	163	0
TOTAL STAFF	27022	100	19030	100	20744	100	6709	100	5942	100	2176	100	1161	100	2667	100	85451	100

+ Note: Private and Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

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

Table 4. Number and Percentage Distribution of Families by Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

FAMILIES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private Long Day Care Services +	68071	39	34966	31	61662	48	7555	18	15672	42	1352	10	768	14	1943	16	191989	37
Community Based Long Day Care Services +	33407	19	21538	19	12433	10	9760	23	7104	19	4126	30	1439	26	3757	31	93564	18
Family Day Care Schemes	22665	13	15202	13	13111	10	5252	12	4505	12	3453	25	675	12	1301	11	66164	13
In-home Care Schemes	289	0	140	0	337	0	36	0	120	0	155	1	0	0	17	0	1094	0
Outside School Hours Care	28102	16	28568	25	23396	18	11730	28	4373	12	2525	18	1297	23	3890	32	103881	20
Vacation Care	17393	10	10412	9	14924	12	7712	18	4223	11	1930	14	922	17	1222	10	58738	11
Occasional Care	2425	1	1817	2	978	1	74	0	810	2	199	1	4	0	173	1	6480	1
Multifunctional Services	67	0	215	0	161	0	183	0	128	0	0	0	93	2	0	0	847	0
MACS	466	0	185	0	77	0	126	0	165	0	46	0	96	2	0	0	1161	0
Mobiles and Toy Libraries	634	0	418	0	364	0	94	0	109	0	0	0	248	4	0	0	1867	0
TOTAL FAMILIES *	173519	100	113461	100	127443	100	42522	100	37209	100	13786	100	5542	100	12303	100	525785	100

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

Table 5. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

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.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	10895	14	6111	15	14728	19	1560	17	3541	18	188	12	151	16	165	7	37339	16
Both parents/guardians work related	52126	67	30820	74	52081	68	6347	70	12631	66	1082	71	656	72	1954	87	157697	69
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	2571	3	936	2	2373	3	297	3	604	3	113	7	19	2	25	1	6938	3
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	12247	16	3669	9	7668	10	872	10	2498	13	146	10	91	10	98	4	27289	12
Total specified	77839	100	41536	100	76850	100	9076	100	19274	100	1529	100	917	100	2242	100	229263	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	77839		41536		76850		9076		19274		1529		917		2242		229263	

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in Censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 6. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

COMMUNITY BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	4682	12	2578	10	1884	13	1466	13	1104	13	636	13	229	14	406	9	12985	12
Both parents/guardians work related	28701	74	19922	79	11043	74	8561	75	5958	72	3393	69	1335	80	3469	79	82382	75
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	1109	3	610	2	392	3	294	3	225	3	184	4	26	2	85	2	2925	3
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	4051	11	2134	8	1565	11	1158	10	981	12	698	14	89	5	436	10	11112	10
Total specified	38543	100	25244	100	14884	100	11479	100	8268	100	4911	100	1679	100	4396	100	109404	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38543		25244		14884		11479		8268		4911		1679		4396		109404	

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in Censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 7. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

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	4463	15	4094	20	3985	22	1921	24	1209	21	843	18	426	48	404	24	17345	20		
Both parents/guardians work related	21251	73	13306	65	12348	69	4074	51	3339	57	2834	62	412	47	1237	74	58801	67		
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	1164	4	1183	6	574	3	1030	13	332	6	248	5	26	3	21	1	4578	5		
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	2055	7	2041	10	979	5	958	12	958	16	657	14	20	2	16	1	7684	9		
Total specified	28933	100	20624	100	17886	100	7983	100	5838	100	4582	100	884	100	1678	100	88408	100		
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0			
TOTAL CHILDREN	28933		20624		17886		7983		5838		4582		884		1678		88408			

Table 8. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

IN-HOME CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	213	26	21	5	126	13	54	46	77	22	102	24	0	0	8	15	601	19
Both parents/guardians work related	501	61	259	64	463	49	46	39	172	49	218	52	0	0	6	11	1665	54
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	26	3	22	5	84	9	10	8	14	4	21	5	0	0	12	22	189	6
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	80	10	101	25	270	29	8	7	87	25	76	18	0	0	28	52	650	21
Total specified	820	100	403	100	943	100	118	100	350	100	417	100	0	0	54	100	3105	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	820		403		943		118		350		417		0		54		3105	

Table 9. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

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	9602	26	9240	24	8940	27	4455	27	2063	34	746	22	453	25	1047	20	36546	26
Both parents/guardians work related	27069	73	28475	73	23091	70	11604	70	3855	64	2576	75	1261	70	4040	79	101971	72
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	364	1	567	1	242	1	166	1	19	0	24	1	9	1	15	0	1406	1
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	282	1	895	2	753	2	389	2	46	1	110	3	75	4	40	1	2590	2
Total specified	37317	100	39177	100	33026	100	16614	100	5983	100	3456	100	1798	100	5142	100	142513	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	37317		39177		33026		16614		5983		3456		1798		5142		142513	

Table 10. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY														AUSTRALIA			
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Work related	22479	93	13675	92	20725	94	10705	92	5669	93	2444	89	1304	97	1557	97	78558	93
Non-work related	1704	7	1240	8	1283	6	948	8	422	7	294	11	40	3	54	3	5985	7
Total specified	24183	100	14915	100	22008	100	11653	100	6091	100	2738	100	1344	100	1611	100	84543	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	24183		14915		22008		11653		6091		2738		1344		1611		84543	

Table 11. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY														AUSTRALIA			
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Work related	1452	53	951	46	526	47	42	49	459	50	79	36	5	100	127	63	3641	49
Non-work related	1281	47	1123	54	595	53	44	51	460	50	141	64	0	0	74	37	3718	51
Total specified	2733	100	2074	100	1121	100	86	100	919	100	220	100	5	100	201	100	7359	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	2733		2074		1121		86		919		220		5		201		7359	

Table 12. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sole parent/guardian work related	9	11	38	14	40	19	18	8	12	8	0	0	51	41	0	0	168	16
Both parents/guardians work related	69	83	154	57	157	75	208	92	125	81	0	0	69	56	0	0	782	73
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	2	2	16	6	10	5	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	3
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	3	4	60	22	2	1	0	0	13	8	0	0	3	2	0	0	81	8
Total specified	83	100	268	100	209	100	227	100	155	100	0	0	123	100	0	0	1065	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	83		268		209		227		155		0		123		0		1065	

Table 13. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care for Work Related Vs. Non-work Related Reasons, all States and Territories, 2004

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	153	28	115	48	54	56	57	35	89	41	25	38	33	29	0	0	526	36
Both parents/guardians work related	254	46	105	44	40	41	98	60	99	45	23	35	74	65	0	0	693	48
Sole parent/guardian non-work related	103	19	7	3	0	0	7	4	10	5	6	9	5	4	0	0	138	9
2 parents/guardians, 1 or both non-work related	46	8	14	6	3	3	1	1	20	9	11	17	2	2	0	0	97	7
Total specified	556	100	241	100	97	100	163	100	218	100	65	100	114	100	0	0	1454	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	556		241		97		163		218		65		114		0		1454	

Table 14. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

PRIVATE LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	1003	1	466	1	921	1	159	2	217	1	19	1	7	1	21	1	2813	1
Parent with disability	455	1	243	1	494	1	83	1	99	1	6	0	0	0	9	0	1389	1
Referred because child at risk	146	0	147	0	194	0	19	0	76	0	6	0	2	0	11	0	601	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	867	1	162	0	2034	3	55	1	328	2	4	0	79	9	10	0	3539	2
Culturally diverse background	13338	17	5659	14	5191	7	693	8	1515	8	74	5	74	8	270	12	26814	12
No additional needs	62304	80	34975	84	68172	89	8097	89	17098	89	1425	93	756	82	1924	86	194751	85
Total specified *	77839		41536		76850		9076		19274		1529		917		2242		229263	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	77839		41536		76850		9076		19274		1529		917		2242		229263	

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

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in Censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 15. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

COMMUNITY BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	838	2	460	2	191	1	274	2	125	2	79	2	24	1	76	2	2067	2
Parent with disability	362	1	206	1	96	1	84	1	39	0	41	1	7	0	23	1	858	1
Referred because child at risk	268	1	126	0	42	0	41	0	35	0	13	0	7	0	39	1	571	1
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	645	2	96	0	525	4	156	1	157	2	44	1	148	9	47	1	1818	2
Culturally diverse background	8761	23	4478	18	1380	9	847	7	966	12	240	5	206	12	629	14	17507	16
No additional needs	28039	73	20034	79	12683	85	10139	88	6974	84	4502	92	1297	77	3606	82	87274	80
Total specified *	38543		25244		14884		11479		8268		4911		1679		4396		109404	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38543		25244		14884		11479		8268		4911		1679		4396		109404	

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

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in Censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 16. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	820	3	704	3	538	3	574	7	123	2	183	4	23	3	24	1	2989	3
Parent with disability	48	0	36	0	16	0	7	0	27	0	13	0	0	0	4	0	151	0
Referred because child at risk	271	1	187	1	142	1	34	0	22	0	26	1	9	1	3	0	694	1
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	439	2	58	0	316	2	132	2	40	1	38	1	16	2	16	1	1055	1
Culturally diverse background	3189	11	2703	13	517	3	770	10	543	9	121	3	10	1	215	13	8068	9
No additional needs	24277	84	17067	83	16407	92	6518	82	5111	88	4213	92	829	94	1419	85	75841	86
Total specified *	28933		20624		17886		7983		5838		4582		884		1678		88408	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	28933		20624		17886		7983		5838		4582		884		1678		88408	

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

Table 17. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

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	125	15	44	11	218	23	5	4	40	11	45	11	0	0	23	43	500	16
Parent with disability	45	5	39	10	15	2	5	4	0	0	10	2	0	0	12	22	126	4
Referred because child at risk	15	2	18	4	42	4	3	3	0	0	4	1	0	0	8	15	90	3
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	10	1	2	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	1
Culturally diverse background	40	5	12	3	27	3	13	11	6	2	21	5	0	0	5	9	124	4
No additional needs	603	74	305	76	655	69	91	77	304	87	344	82	0	0	21	39	2323	75
Total specified *	820		403		943		118		350		417		0		54		3105	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	820		403		943		118		350		417		0		54		3105	

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

Table 18. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	900	2	680	2	840	3	574	3	125	2	39	1	52	3	109	2	3319	2
Parent with disability	175	0	148	0	141	0	89	1	9	0	20	1	1	0	20	0	603	0
Referred because child at risk	59	0	66	0	40	0	27	0	37	1	2	0	2	0	8	0	241	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	438	1	148	0	573	2	175	1	66	1	24	1	197	11	35	1	1656	1
Culturally diverse background	6887	18	4815	12	2258	7	1047	6	385	6	99	3	173	10	570	11	16234	11
No additional needs	29010	78	33395	85	29244	89	14754	89	5374	90	3275	95	1380	77	4412	86	120844	85
Total specified *	37317		39177		33026		16614		5983		3456		1798		5142		142513	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	37317		39177		33026		16614		5983		3456		1798		5142		142513	

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

Table 19. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																		AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Child with disability	862	4	596	4	760	3	508	4	168	3	36	1	36	3	59	4	3025	4		
Parent with disability	152	1	60	0	98	0	67	1	22	0	10	0	1	0	7	0	417	0		
Referred because child at risk	49	0	53	0	33	0	31	0	20	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	195	0		
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	394	2	48	0	417	2	116	1	109	2	13	0	160	12	8	0	1265	1		
Culturally diverse background	4086	17	1850	12	1143	5	635	5	262	4	54	2	66	5	158	10	8254	10		
No additional needs	18804	78	12380	83	19602	89	10337	89	5525	91	2628	96	1083	81	1379	86	71738	85		
Total specified *	24183		14915		22008		11653		6091		2738		1344		1611		84543			
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0			
TOTAL CHILDREN	24183		14915		22008		11653		6091		2738		1344		1611		84543			

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

Table 20. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY														AUSTRALIA			
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	61	2	34	2	18	2	0	0	17	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	135	2
Parent with disability	15	1	10	0	8	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	1
Referred because child at risk	26	1	8	0	11	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	1
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	77	3	6	0	28	2	2	2	10	1	1	0	2	40	0	0	126	2
Culturally diverse background	435	16	211	10	40	4	1	1	103	11	10	5	0	0	11	5	811	11
Sole parent/guardian	411	15	182	9	149	13	28	33	83	9	53	24	3	60	24	12	933	13
No additional needs	1820	67	1650	80	898	80	58	67	713	78	155	70	2	40	163	81	5459	74
Total specified *	2733		2074		1121		86		919		220		5		201		7359	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	2733		2074		1121		86		919		220		5		201		7359	

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

Table 21. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	2	2	7	3	3	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2
Parent with disability	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Referred because child at risk	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	11	13	0	0	26	12	2	1	10	6	0	0	13	11	0	0	62	6
Culturally diverse background	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	5	3	0	0	8	7	0	0	18	2
No additional needs	70	84	259	97	180	86	222	98	138	89	0	0	102	83	0	0	971	91
Total specified *	83		268		209		227		155		0		123		0		1065	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	83		268		209		227		155		0		123		0		1065	

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

Table 22. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

MACS	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	19	3	7	3	1	1	1	1	6	3	4	6	2	2	0	0	40	3
Parent with disability	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	1
Referred because child at risk	9	2	12	5	0	0	6	4	5	2	11	17	4	4	0	0	47	3
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	403	72	221	92	93	96	123	75	157	72	65	100	83	73	0	0	1145	79
Culturally diverse background	15	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	10	5	0	0	11	10	0	0	41	3
No additional needs	132	24	16	7	4	4	37	23	49	22	0	0	20	18	0	0	258	18
Total specified *	556		241		97		163		218		65		114		0		1454	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	556		241		97		163		218		65		114		0		1454	

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

Table 23. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children in Care by Additional Needs Group, all States and Territories, 2004

MOBILES AND TOY LIBRARIES	STATE/TERRITORY														AUSTRALIA			
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Child with disability	18	2	26	4	24	3	1	1	5	4	0	0	40	10	0	0	114	4
Parent with disability	2	0	3	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	92	11	11	2	121	17	0	0	4	3	0	0	49	13	0	0	277	10
Culturally diverse background	17	2	9	1	11	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	43	11	0	0	86	3
No additional needs	733	85	565	92	540	78	120	99	121	89	0	0	291	75	0	0	2370	84
Total specified *	859		612		695		121		136		0		388		0		2811	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	859		612		695		121		136		0		388		0		2811	

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

Table 24. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Type of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

PRIVATE LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	1667	2	2061	5	2590	3	517	6	757	4	57	4	58	6	145	6	7852	3
1 - 2 yrs	21887	28	17516	42	26548	35	3746	41	7262	38	556	36	411	45	1026	46	78952	34
3 - 4 yrs	48390	62	19576	47	35663	46	4334	48	8248	43	836	55	410	45	985	44	118442	52
5 yrs	3345	4	1193	3	5311	7	237	3	1122	6	75	5	26	3	39	2	11348	5
6 + yrs	2550	3	1190	3	6738	9	242	3	1885	10	5	0	12	1	47	2	12669	6
Total specified	77839	100	41536	100	76850	100	9076	100	19274	100	1529	100	917	100	2242	100	229263	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	77839		41536		76850		9076		19274		1529		917		2242		229263	

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 25. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Type of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

COMMUNITY BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	1320	3	1208	5	841	6	597	5	444	5	261	5	101	6	284	6	5056	5
1 - 2 yrs	14578	38	10824	43	5862	39	4858	42	3919	47	1978	40	721	43	1960	45	44700	41
3 - 4 yrs	21835	57	12524	50	7150	48	5645	49	3609	44	2335	48	843	50	2095	48	56036	51
5 yrs	673	2	573	2	727	5	294	3	144	2	196	4	14	1	45	1	2666	2
6 + yrs	137	0	115	0	304	2	85	1	152	2	141	3	0	0	12	0	946	1
Total specified	38543	100	25244	100	14884	100	11479	100	8268	100	4911	100	1679	100	4396	100	109404	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38543		25244		14884		11479		8268		4911		1679		4396		109404	

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 26. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	1680	6	977	5	1137	6	252	3	243	4	190	4	64	7	74	4	4617	5
1 - 2 yrs	12790	44	6894	33	6479	36	1916	24	2245	38	1531	33	388	44	550	33	32793	37
3 - 4 yrs	9982	35	7315	35	4846	27	2416	30	1986	34	1742	38	267	30	544	32	29098	33
5 yrs	1059	4	1301	6	1142	6	569	7	328	6	340	7	36	4	114	7	4889	6
6 + yrs	3422	12	4137	20	4282	24	2830	35	1036	18	779	17	129	15	396	24	17011	19
Total specified	28933	100	20624	100	17886	100	7983	100	5838	100	4582	100	884	100	1678	100	88408	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	28933		20624		17886		7983		5838		4582		884		1678		88408	

Table 27. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

IN-HOME CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY														AUSTRALIA			
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	60	7	74	18	78	8	12	10	38	11	22	5	0	0	5	9	289	9
1 - 2 yrs	194	24	109	27	223	24	23	19	91	26	103	25	0	0	15	28	758	24
3 - 4 yrs	182	22	96	24	213	23	19	16	76	22	127	30	0	0	11	20	724	23
5 yrs	63	8	29	7	74	8	11	9	26	7	40	10	0	0	6	11	249	8
6 + yrs	321	39	95	24	355	38	53	45	119	34	125	30	0	0	17	31	1085	35
Total specified	820	100	403	100	943	100	118	100	350	100	417	100	0	0	54	100	3105	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	820		403		943		118		350		417		0		54		3105	

Table 28. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 yrs	647	2	321	1	1649	5	81	0	153	3	128	4	16	1	44	1	3039	2
5 yrs	5703	15	4718	12	3891	12	1875	11	740	12	439	13	282	16	740	14	18388	13
6 yrs	6340	17	6364	16	5154	16	2574	15	937	16	561	16	297	17	840	16	23067	16
7 yrs	6379	17	6825	17	5296	16	2600	16	998	17	609	18	361	20	986	19	24054	17
8 yrs	6142	16	6648	17	5154	16	2665	16	1059	18	560	16	301	17	832	16	23361	16
9 yrs	5212	14	5830	15	4372	13	2430	15	860	14	483	14	238	13	778	15	20203	14
10 yrs	4033	11	4633	12	3678	11	2041	12	680	11	419	12	197	11	561	11	16242	11
11 yrs	2404	6	3171	8	2568	8	1440	9	419	7	201	6	86	5	297	6	10586	7
12 yrs	387	1	595	2	1055	3	799	5	119	2	41	1	16	1	61	1	3073	2
13 + yrs	70	0	72	0	209	1	109	1	18	0	15	0	4	0	3	0	500	0
Total specified	37317	100	39177	100	33026	100	16614	100	5983	100	3456	100	1798	100	5142	100	142513	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	37317		39177		33026		16614		5983		3456		1798		5142		142513	

Table 29. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 yrs	235	1	76	1	453	2	109	1	80	1	30	1	15	1	10	1	1008	1
5 yrs	3154	13	1377	9	2129	10	1309	11	625	10	286	10	161	12	231	14	9272	11
6 yrs	4038	17	2432	16	3390	15	1805	15	884	15	489	18	211	16	270	17	13519	16
7 yrs	4233	18	2499	17	3550	16	1734	15	982	16	467	17	235	17	288	18	13988	17
8 yrs	3952	16	2607	17	3453	16	1828	16	1011	17	419	15	230	17	242	15	13742	16
9 yrs	3467	14	2209	15	3041	14	1698	15	900	15	406	15	213	16	231	14	12165	14
10 yrs	2592	11	1908	13	2665	12	1354	12	782	13	292	11	121	9	187	12	9901	12
11 yrs	1690	7	1234	8	1825	8	1028	9	531	9	238	9	94	7	109	7	6749	8
12 yrs	598	2	486	3	1070	5	613	5	231	4	94	3	42	3	40	2	3174	4
13 + yrs	224	1	87	1	432	2	175	2	65	1	17	1	22	2	3	0	1025	1
Total specified	24183	100	14915	100	22008	100	11653	100	6091	100	2738	100	1344	100	1611	100	84543	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	24183		14915		22008		11653		6091		2738		1344		1611		84543	

Table 30. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																		AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
< 1 yr	124	5	78	4	51	5	8	9	36	4	6	3	0	0	17	8	320	4		
1 yr	557	20	353	17	220	20	17	20	197	21	33	15	2	40	31	15	1410	19		
2 yrs	900	33	628	30	349	31	27	31	254	28	48	22	1	20	54	27	2261	31		
3 yrs	710	26	700	34	332	30	21	24	341	37	88	40	1	20	61	30	2254	31		
4 yrs	410	15	275	13	133	12	11	13	82	9	42	19	1	20	35	17	989	13		
5 yrs	31	1	39	2	25	2	2	2	9	1	3	1	0	0	3	1	112	2		
6 yrs	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0		
7 + yrs	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0		
Total specified	2733	100	2074	100	1121	100	86	100	919	100	220	100	5	100	201	100	7359	100		
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0			
TOTAL CHILDREN	2733		2074		1121		86		919		220		5		201		7359			

Table 31. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																		AUSTRALIA	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
< 1 yr	3	4	11	4	18	9	8	4	9	6	0	0	16	13	0	0	65	6		
1 yr	11	13	42	16	48	23	46	20	33	21	0	0	17	14	0	0	197	18		
2 yrs	23	28	62	23	51	24	53	23	39	25	0	0	27	22	0	0	255	24		
3 yrs	22	27	40	15	48	23	73	32	43	28	0	0	24	20	0	0	250	23		
4 yrs	15	18	72	27	29	14	46	20	29	19	0	0	23	19	0	0	214	20		
5 yrs	7	8	12	4	8	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	14	11	0	0	44	4		
6 yrs	0	0	3	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	1		
7 yrs	2	2	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	12	1		
8 yrs	0	0	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1		
9 yrs	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		
10 yrs	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0		
11 yrs	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	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	83	100	268	100	209	100	227	100	155	100	0	0	123	100	0	0	1065	100		
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0			
TOTAL CHILDREN	83		268		209		227		155		0		123		0		1065			

Table 32. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

MACS	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	2	0	9	4	12	12	7	4	8	4	2	3	7	6	0	0	47	3
1 yr	54	10	27	11	8	8	30	18	33	15	1	2	19	17	0	0	172	12
2 yrs	142	26	46	19	12	12	42	26	44	20	16	25	22	19	0	0	324	22
3 yrs	195	35	49	20	16	16	49	30	44	20	14	22	32	28	0	0	399	27
4 yrs	151	27	68	28	25	26	35	21	39	18	9	14	19	17	0	0	346	24
5 yrs	8	1	4	2	23	24	0	0	16	7	5	8	2	2	0	0	58	4
6 yrs	2	0	10	4	1	1	0	0	6	3	3	5	2	2	0	0	24	2
7 yrs	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	9	4	1	2	3	3	0	0	19	1
8 yrs	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	4	6	9	7	6	0	0	26	2
9 yrs	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	7	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	14	1
10 yrs	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	8	1
11 yrs	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	10	1
12 yrs	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
13 + yrs	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Total specified	556	100	241	100	97	100	163	100	218	100	65	100	114	100	0	0	1454	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	556		241		97		163		218		65		114		0		1454	

Table 33. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Age Groups and Types of Service, all States and Territories, 2004

MOBILES AND TOY LIBRARIES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 yr	52	6	46	8	32	5	3	2	15	11	0	0	30	8	0	0	178	6
1 yr	127	15	99	16	67	10	24	20	22	16	0	0	79	20	0	0	418	15
2 yrs	170	20	121	20	77	11	37	31	44	32	0	0	88	23	0	0	537	19
3 yrs	216	25	182	30	100	14	22	18	40	29	0	0	64	16	0	0	624	22
4 yrs	190	22	118	19	97	14	30	25	14	10	0	0	41	11	0	0	490	17
5 yrs	46	5	22	4	82	12	2	2	1	1	0	0	21	5	0	0	174	6
6 yrs	18	2	7	1	53	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	19	5	0	0	99	4
7 yrs	15	2	7	1	34	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	13	3	0	0	70	2
8 yrs	11	1	4	1	51	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	0	76	3
9 yrs	6	1	1	0	28	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	41	1
10 yrs	4	0	2	0	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	38	1
11 yrs	2	0	0	0	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	22	1
12 + yrs	2	0	3	0	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	44	2
Total specified	859	100	612	100	695	100	121	100	136	100	0	0	388	100	0	0	2811	100
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	859		612		695		121		136		0		388		0		2811	

Table 34. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

PRIVATE LONG DAY CARE SERVICES +	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	15730	21	9705	24	15991	22	2468	28	6139	33	456	31	152	17	312	14	50953	23
10 - 19 hrs/week	30340	41	11612	29	23560	32	2739	31	5670	30	515	35	172	19	550	25	75158	34
20 - 29 hrs/week	17219	23	7761	19	16859	23	1750	20	3159	17	273	19	123	14	465	22	47609	22
30 - 39 hrs/week	6529	9	4680	12	8918	12	899	10	1614	9	118	8	115	13	296	14	23169	11
40 - 49 hrs/week	3464	5	4259	11	5964	8	605	7	1243	7	62	4	233	26	464	21	16294	7
50 + hrs/week	1486	2	1929	5	2584	3	243	3	820	4	50	3	92	10	75	3	7279	3
Sub-total	74768	100	39946	100	73876	100	8704	100	18645	100	1474	100	887	100	2162	100	220462	100
Absent ref. week	3071		1590		2974		372		629		55		30		80		8801	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	77839		41536		76850		9076		19274		1529		917		2242		229263	
Average hours per week	18:32		21:38		20:54		19:19		18:27		17:13		29:16		26:11		20:01	

+ Note: Private Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in Censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 35. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

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.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	7321	20	5901	24	3019	21	3886	35	2758	34	1874	40	202	13	852	20	25813	25
10 - 19 hrs/week	14170	38	7603	31	4657	33	3610	33	2488	31	1516	32	315	20	1144	27	35503	34
20 - 29 hrs/week	8675	24	5312	22	3323	23	2026	18	1309	16	757	16	292	18	986	23	22680	22
30 - 39 hrs/week	3642	10	2833	12	1616	11	896	8	684	9	346	7	257	16	550	13	10824	10
40 - 49 hrs/week	2390	6	2064	8	1215	9	565	5	556	7	151	3	360	23	456	11	7757	7
50 + hrs/week	627	2	671	3	439	3	109	1	200	3	85	2	172	11	268	6	2571	2
Sub-total	36825	100	24384	100	14269	100	11092	100	7995	100	4729	100	1598	100	4256	100	105148	100
Absent ref. week	1718		860		615		387		273		182		81		140		4256	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	38543		25244		14884		11479		8268		4911		1679		4396		109404	
Average hours per week	19:40		20:19		20:51		16:54		17:53		15:25		28:39		22:38		19:37	

+ Note: Community Based Long Day Care counts are not directly comparable to those reported in Censuses prior to 2002 due to definitional changes.

Table 36. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY														AUSTRALIA			
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	8902	32	7767	39	4623	27	2462	32	1972	35	1933	43	155	18	405	25	28219	33
10 - 19 hrs/week	8194	30	5670	28	4904	28	2237	29	1777	31	1409	32	183	21	410	25	24784	29
20 - 29 hrs/week	5105	18	3125	16	3219	19	1440	19	952	17	669	15	141	16	249	15	14900	17
30 - 39 hrs/week	2930	11	1758	9	2034	12	710	9	546	10	315	7	161	19	254	16	8708	10
40 - 49 hrs/week	1888	7	1143	6	1796	10	522	7	326	6	116	3	177	21	272	17	6240	7
50 + hrs/week	705	3	444	2	710	4	368	5	89	2	23	1	39	5	48	3	2426	3
Sub-total	27724	100	19907	100	17286	100	7739	100	5662	100	4465	100	856	100	1638	100	85277	100
Absent ref. week	1209		717		600		244		176		117		28		40		3131	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	28933		20624		17886		7983		5838		4582		884		1678		88408	
Average hours per week	18:41		16:55		21:03		19:03		17:07		14:27		26:06		23:02		18:37	

Table 37. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

IN-HOME CARE SCHEMES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 hrs/week	265	33	135	34	260	28	31	26	118	34	172	41	0	0	33	61	1014	33
10 - 19 hrs/week	203	25	110	28	219	23	44	37	100	29	130	31	0	0	11	20	817	27
20 - 29 hrs/week	102	13	76	19	150	16	14	12	36	10	63	15	0	0	6	11	447	15
30 - 39 hrs/week	91	11	25	6	77	8	19	16	25	7	28	7	0	0	2	4	267	9
40 - 49 hrs/week	52	6	27	7	65	7	5	4	5	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	161	5
50 + hrs/week	97	12	26	7	165	18	5	4	63	18	15	4	0	0	2	4	373	12
Sub-total	810	100	399	100	936	100	118	100	347	100	415	100	0	0	54	100	3079	100
Absent ref. week	10		4		7		0		3		2		0		0		26	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	820		403		943		118		350		417		0		54		3105	
Average hours per week	21:48		18:37		23:42		18:43		21:20		15:44		0		12:12		20:48	

Table 38. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 3 hrs/week	3306	9	5802	15	3970	12	3305	20	427	7	738	22	54	3	243	5	17845	13
3 - 5 hrs/week	9450	26	13999	36	8864	27	5592	34	1696	29	1198	35	245	14	1237	24	42281	30
6 - 8 hrs/week	7477	20	7289	19	6634	20	3159	19	1343	23	726	21	215	12	1086	21	27929	20
9 - 11 hrs/week	5592	15	4596	12	4752	15	1948	12	874	15	391	11	205	12	816	16	19174	14
12 - 15 hrs/week	6103	17	4523	12	5145	16	1717	10	1045	18	329	10	753	43	1340	26	20955	15
16 + hrs/week	4672	13	2619	7	3343	10	788	5	466	8	25	1	293	17	350	7	12556	9
Sub-total	36600	100	38828	100	32708	100	16509	100	5851	100	3407	100	1765	100	5072	100	140740	100
Absent ref. week	717		349		318		105		132		49		33		70		1773	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	37317		39177		33026		16614		5983		3456		1798		5142		142513	
Average hours per week	8:56		6:56		8:09		6:18		8:08		5:32		11:28		8:51		7:48	

Table 39. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Days of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

VACATION CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 1 day	90	0	90	1	108	0	107	1	18	0	25	1	4	0	0	0	442	1
1 day	5148	22	3497	24	4496	21	2784	24	1255	21	763	28	136	10	237	15	18316	22
2 days	5818	24	3743	25	5117	23	3170	27	1496	25	825	30	171	13	327	20	20667	25
3 days	4636	19	2804	19	4353	20	2304	20	1130	19	483	18	172	13	294	18	16176	19
4 days	3285	14	1838	12	3066	14	1520	13	812	13	289	11	221	17	231	14	11262	13
5 days	4813	20	2796	19	4725	22	1660	14	1316	22	343	13	631	47	516	32	16800	20
Sub-total	23790	100	14768	100	21865	100	11545	100	6027	100	2728	100	1335	100	1605	100	83663	100
Absent ref. week	393		147		143		108		64		10		9		6		880	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	24183		14915		22008		11653		6091		2738		1344		1611		84543	
Average days per week	2.9		2.8		2.9		2.6		2.9		2.5		3.8		3.3		2.8	

Table 40. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

OCCASIONAL CARE	STATE/TERRITORY																		
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
1 hr/week	28	1	44	2	2	0	4	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	89	1
2 hrs/week	106	4	157	8	30	3	4	5	49	5	2	1	0	0	7	4	355	5	
3 hrs/week	189	7	416	20	119	11	9	10	124	14	23	11	0	0	23	12	903	12	
4 hrs/week	272	10	258	12	107	10	2	2	118	13	15	7	0	0	18	9	790	11	
5 hrs/week	144	5	159	8	63	6	13	15	56	6	28	13	1	20	8	4	472	6	
6 hrs/week	396	15	263	13	124	11	13	15	70	8	34	16	0	0	26	13	926	13	
7 hrs/week	210	8	133	6	75	7	8	9	52	6	8	4	0	0	19	10	505	7	
8 hrs/week	215	8	116	6	84	8	5	6	62	7	12	6	0	0	10	5	504	7	
9 hrs/week	61	2	73	4	48	4	3	3	28	3	13	6	0	0	5	3	231	3	
10 - 19 hrs/week	747	28	353	17	323	29	18	21	218	24	67	31	2	40	46	23	1774	24	
20 - 29 hrs/week	217	8	71	3	105	9	5	6	74	8	10	5	0	0	21	11	503	7	
30 + hrs/week	106	4	29	1	39	3	2	2	53	6	1	0	2	40	7	4	239	3	
Sub-total	2691	100	2072	100	1119	100	86	100	909	100	213	100	5	100	196	100	7291	100	
Absent ref. week	42		2		2		0		10		7		0		5		68		
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		
TOTAL CHILDREN	2733		2074		1121		86		919		220		5		201		7359		
Average hours per week	10:24		7:14		10:24		8:45		10:13		8:31		17:00		9:58		9:24		

Table 41. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES	STATE/TERRITORY																	
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 hrs/week	2	3	14	5	13	6	1	0	2	1	0	0	12	10	0	0	44	4
5 - 9 hrs/week	37	46	43	16	34	17	75	33	38	26	0	0	13	11	0	0	240	23
10 - 14 hrs/week	2	3	79	29	23	11	47	21	27	18	0	0	20	17	0	0	198	19
15 - 19 hrs/week	24	30	21	8	17	8	25	11	20	14	0	0	12	10	0	0	119	11
20 - 24 hrs/week	1	1	56	21	25	12	41	18	14	10	0	0	3	3	0	0	140	13
25 - 29 hrs/week	13	16	10	4	15	7	18	8	7	5	0	0	9	8	0	0	72	7
30 - 34 hrs/week	0	0	31	12	16	8	10	4	13	9	0	0	11	9	0	0	81	8
35 - 39 hrs/week	0	0	4	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	15	13	0	0	25	2
40 - 44 hrs/week	0	0	7	3	16	8	0	0	6	4	0	0	13	11	0	0	42	4
45 - 49 hrs/week	1	1	0	0	17	8	0	0	3	2	0	0	10	8	0	0	31	3
50 + hrs/week	0	0	3	1	24	12	9	4	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	5
Sub-total	80	100	268	100	203	100	227	100	147	100	0	0	118	100	0	0	1043	100
Absent ref. week	3		0		6		0		8		0		5		0		22	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	83		268		209		227		155		0		123		0		1065	
Average hours per week	15:07		16:10		25:47		15:25		20:24		0		23:25		0		19:12	

Table 42. Number and Percentage Distribution of Children by Hours of Attendance and Type of Service, for all States and Territories, 2004

MACS	STATE/TERRITORY														AUSTRALIA			
	NSW		Vic		QLD		SA		WA		Tas		NT		ACT		AUSTRALIA	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 5 hrs/week	5	1	26	12	0	0	0	0	15	7	9	16	3	3	0	0	58	4
5 - 9 hrs/week	99	19	46	22	6	7	24	15	59	28	6	11	12	11	0	0	252	19
10 - 14 hrs/week	189	37	26	12	0	0	42	26	20	9	6	11	15	14	0	0	298	22
15 - 19 hrs/week	67	13	30	14	8	9	30	19	19	9	22	39	15	14	0	0	191	14
20 - 24 hrs/week	86	17	13	6	11	12	21	13	19	9	1	2	15	14	0	0	166	12
25 - 29 hrs/week	22	4	1	0	4	4	16	10	14	7	5	9	9	8	0	0	71	5
30 - 34 hrs/week	27	5	25	12	26	29	13	8	21	10	1	2	11	10	0	0	124	9
35 - 39 hrs/week	13	3	15	7	15	16	7	4	8	4	3	5	12	11	0	0	73	5
40 - 44 hrs/week	2	0	7	3	17	19	7	4	27	13	2	4	10	9	0	0	72	5
45 - 49 hrs/week	0	0	12	6	4	4	0	0	9	4	2	4	4	4	0	0	31	2
50 + hrs/week	0	0	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
Sub-total	510	100	212	100	91	100	160	100	211	100	57	100	106	100	0	0	1347	100
Absent ref. week	46		29		6		3		7		8		8		0		107	
Not specified	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOTAL CHILDREN	556		241		97		163		218		65		114		0		1454	
Average hours per week	15:45		19:54		30:43		18:40		20:26		17:31		23:22		0		19:10	

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: CCB is paid for up to 30 allowable absence days for each child per financial year across all approved long day care, family day care, in home care and specialised outside school hours care services. Allowable absences can be taken for any reason. An absence from an occasional care service can be claimed where the session of care from which a child was absent had been booked and paid by the parent.

Approved Care: Care provided by long day care, family day care, in home care, outside school hours care and occasional care services approved by the Australian Government to receive CCB on behalf of families.

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 \$1,000, 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 (CCB): A payment made by the Australian Government to families to assist with the cost of child care. CCB can be paid to approved child care services on behalf of eligible families so fees can be reduced at the time of care. Alternatively, CCB may be claimed as a lump sum at the end of each financial year by eligible families who used approved care.

Childcare Cash Rebate: The Child Care 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. Child Care Cash Rebate provided families with cash reimbursement after they had paid for child care. From 1 July 2000 this payment was subsumed (along with Childcare Assistance) into the Child Care Benefit.

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.

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 charge 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.

Long Day Care Service: Long day care is a centre based form of child care service. Long day care services provide quality all day or part-time care for children of working families and the general community. Private operators, local councils, community organisations, employers or non-profit organisations may run these services.

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.

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 2004 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 under section 14 of the Family Assistance Act.
- ▶ 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.

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.

Special Needs Subsidy Scheme (SNSS): Assists Australian Government-funded child care services to support the inclusion of children with high ongoing support needs into mainstream child care. This includes children with diagnosed disabilities, children undergoing continuing assessment for disabilities or developmental delay, and refugee children who have been subjected to torture or trauma.

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

Supplementary Services (SUPS) Program: Assistance is available free of charge to child care services to build skills and resources to ensure the successful inclusion of children with additional needs. The priority groups are children with a disability, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children, Australian South Sea Islander children and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

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.

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 2004 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
 Licensed places by age
 Number of services with different age groups
 Approved Equivalent Full-time places (EFT)
 Employer provided places
 Provide preschool program
 Children taken to preschool
 Home visits
 Number of children whose families use JET Program
 Number of children using SNSS Program
 Number of children using SUPS Program
 SUPS assistance
 Venue
 Rent
 Number of caregivers
 DSUPS payment
 Kilometres travelled in reference week
 Kilometres travelled in the year prior to the reference week
 Other additional funding
 Weekend services
 Types of service provided
 Transport
 Links to other service types

CHILD INFORMATION:

Number of children

Number of families

Ages of children in care

Attendance hours

Paid hours

Attendance at school

Overnight care (*FDC only*)

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

Days attended

Location of care

Pattern of attendance

STAFF INFORMATION:

Number of staff

Cultural background

Employment status/caregiver work status

Owner/manager

Qualifications/experience

In-service training

Major type of work

Hours worked

Age of staff eg. senior/junior

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

Caregiver location

Proportion of time spent on administration/client support

Appendix C – Further information

For further information about statistics in this publication please call 1800 500 584* or write to:

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This publication does not include all statistics collected from the 2004 Census. Some unpublished tables are available upon request. See Appendix B for a list of all information collected in the 2004 Census.

For general information or queries on Australian Government Child Care Support please contact your State or Territory office of the Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services on 1300 653 227**

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

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