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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

Statistics in this publication were obtained from the 2002 Child Care Survey. This publication presents information about the use of, and demand for, child care for children under 12 years of age. Information is also presented on the use of the Child Care Benefit and the working arrangements of parents with children under 12 years.

ABOUT THIS SURVEY

The Child Care Survey was conducted throughout Australia in June 2002 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey. The 2002 Child Care Survey is a continuation of a series of surveys on the topic of child care conducted since 1969. The previous survey was in June 1999.

Child care refers to arrangements (other than parental care) made for the care of children under 12 years of age. The Child Care Survey collected information about formal and informal child care. Formal child care refers to regulated care that takes place away from the child's home, for example preschool, a child care centre, family day care and occasional care. Informal care refers to non-regulated care that takes place in the child's home or elsewhere. It includes care by family members, friends, neighbours, paid babysitters and nannies. Parents often use a combination of formal and informal child care for their children.

ROUNDING

As estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
CCB	Child Care Benefit
LFS	Labour Force Survey
MPS	Monthly Population Survey
RSE	relative standard error
SE	standard error

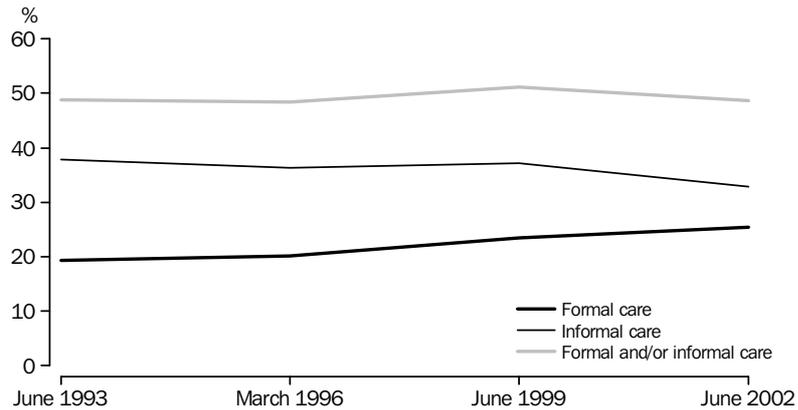
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

INTRODUCTION

In June 2002, 1,510,500 (49%) children aged less than 12 years used some type of child care in the reference week. Informal care, either alone or in combination with formal care, was used by 33% (1,019,200) of children under 12 years. This was a reduction from 37% of children in 1999. Formal care (alone or in combination) was used by 25% (787,400) of children, an increase from 23% in 1999 and continuing the upward trend observed throughout the 1990's.

CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS



USE OF CHILD CARE

Formal and informal types of care

The most commonly used types of formal care were long day care and preschool, attended by 10% and 8% respectively of children. These were followed by before and after school care programs (6%), family day care (3%) and occasional care (1%). Of children attending formal care, the proportion attending both long day care and before and after school care has increased steadily since 1993.

The proportion of children using informal care in 2002 (33%) has declined from 38% in 1993. Some 19% (591,600) were looked after by grandparent(s), 2% by siblings and 7% by other relatives. Other (unrelated) people provided care to 7% of children.

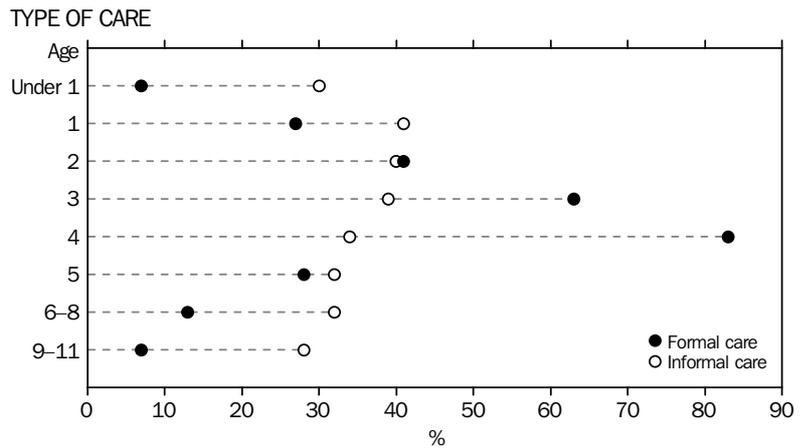
Age of children in care

Child care usage varied with age, particularly for formal care. The use of formal care by very young children was low (7% of children under one year), but increased rapidly from age one (27%) up to age four (83%). The higher use of formal care by three and four year olds reflects preschool attendance. From age five, when most children have started school, the proportion of children using formal care dropped sharply, with 28% of five year old children and 7% of 9–11 year old children in formal care. The most common type of formal care used by children aged 5–11 years was before and after school care, attended by 9%.

Use of informal care was highest for one year olds and then generally decreased as the age of children increased. Overall, 37% of children under five years used informal care compared to 30% of children aged 5–11 years.

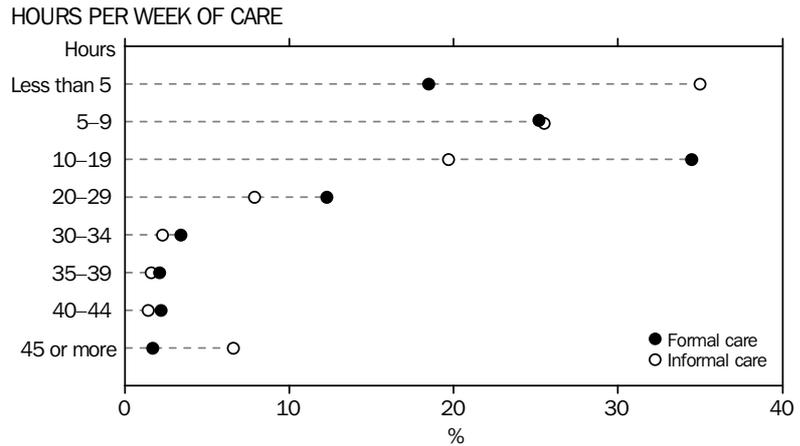
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

*Age of children in care
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Hours of care

The majority of children used relatively small amounts of child care. Of those children who used any type of child care, 45% used it for less than 10 hours per week and a further 27% used it for 10–19 hours per week. A small proportion of children who used care attended for 45 hours or more per week (6%). A higher proportion attended 45 hours or more per week for informal care (7%) than formal care (2%).



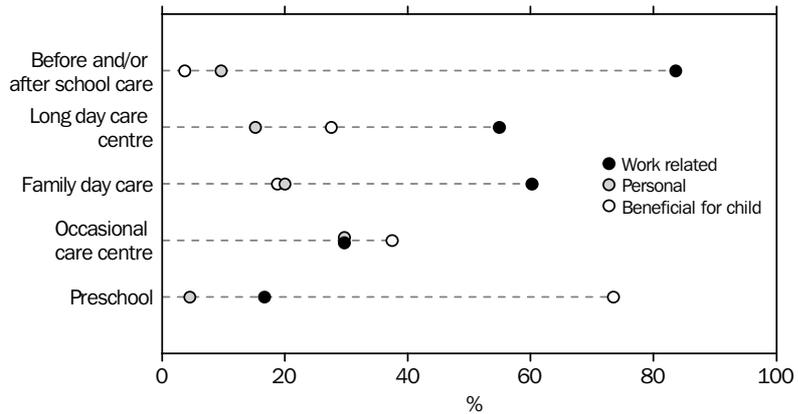
Reason for using care

Reasons for using child care varied with the type of care used. Almost 50% of children using formal child care did so mainly because of parents' work. This reason accounted for 84% of children at before and after school care programs, 60% of those attending family day care and 55% of children attending long day care. In contrast, the most common main reason given for attendance at preschool (73%) and occasional care (37%) was that it was beneficial for the child.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Reason for using care *continued*

MAIN REASON USED FORMAL CARE



The main reason for children using informal care was also related to parents' work with 46% using informal care for this reason. Parents' personal reasons were given for 38% of children in informal care. A similar pattern was evident for most types of care with the exception of children cared for by another relative, for which other reasons (38%) was most commonly cited as the main reason for care.

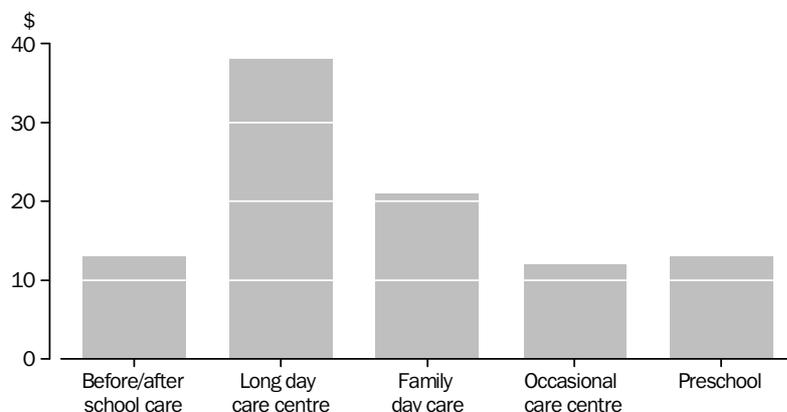
Change in child care arrangements

Parents reported that 323,100 children had increased their use of formal care in the last 12 months and 125,300 had decreased their use. The most common reason for change was parental work. For 3 to 5 year olds who increased their use of formal care, the main reason was for preparation for school or starting school (49%). Of those currently using informal care, a greater number (218,000) were reported as having increased their use of informal care over the last 12 months compared to those reported as having decreased their use of informal care (97,300).

COST OF CARE

Almost all children who used formal care paid for that care (92%). For 46% (359,500) of the children who used formal care, the cost was less than \$20 per week, but it was \$100 or more for 8%. Cost of care was highest for long day care and family day care (median cost of \$38 and \$21 per week, respectively).

MEDIAN COST PER WEEK OF CARE, Type of formal care

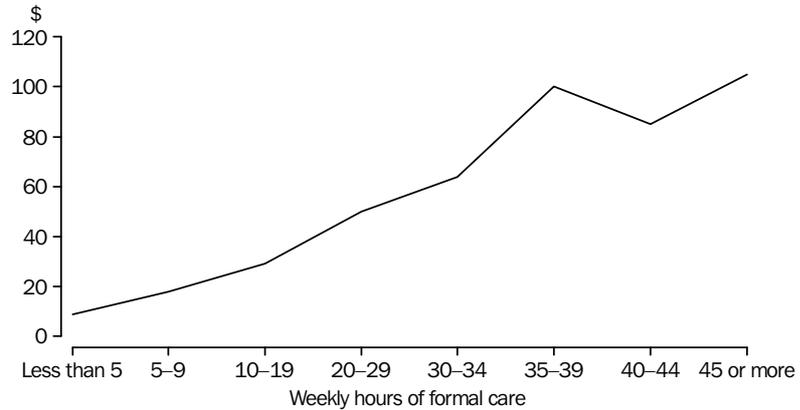


In general, the median cost of formal care increased as the hours of care increased. The median cost of care for less than 5 hours was \$9 and the cost for 45 hours or more was \$105.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

COST OF CARE *continued*

MEDIAN COST PER WEEK OF FORMAL CARE



The majority of children who used informal care did so at no cost (89%).

Family income

In general, as family income increased, the proportion of children who used care increased. Of children in families with weekly income less than \$400, 45% attended some type of child care, compared to 67% of children in families with weekly income \$2,000 or more.

Of children who used some type of care, the proportion who used formal care generally rose with family income, from 47% in families with weekly income less than \$400 to 54% in families with weekly income \$2,000 or more. In contrast, the proportion of children who used informal care was more than 60% regardless of family income.

Child Care Benefit

The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a Federal Government funded payment to assist families who use approved and registered child care.

In June 2002, parents claimed the CCB on behalf of 576,500 children for formal care, with the CCB paid direct to the provider for 522,400 children and paid as a reimbursement to their parents for 48,100 children. Some 189,400 children did not have any benefit claimed for formal care nor intended to claim. The main reasons given for not claiming the CCB were lack of awareness and the carer or centre not being eligible.

Some 6,400 claimed the CCB for informal care, 102,500 did not claim, and 911,700 did not pay for their care.

DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL FORMAL CARE

The survey sought information from parents as to whether their child care requirements were met. Those families not using formal child care were asked if they would have liked to use it if it were available. Those families already using formal child care were asked about their interest in additional care.

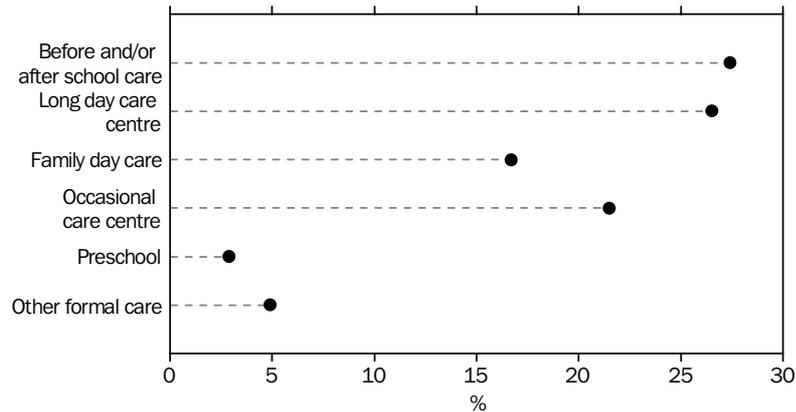
For the majority of children (94%), no additional formal care was required in terms of places or hours. The 6% (174,500) of children identified as requiring additional formal care is similar to the level of demand observed in 1999.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Type of additional formal care required

The main types of additional formal care reported as required were before and after school care (47,800 children), long day care (46,300) and occasional care (37,600), representing 27%, 27% and 22% respectively of the demand. The proportion requiring additional family day care and long day care both increased slightly from 1999, offsetting decreases in the proportions requiring additional before and after school care, preschool and other formal care.

TYPE OF ADDITIONAL FORMAL CARE REQUIRED



Main reason additional formal care required

Parental work was the single largest reason for requiring additional formal care with 41% (72,300) of children requiring additional care for this reason. A further 6% of children required additional formal care because their parent(s) were looking for work or undertaking work-related study or training.

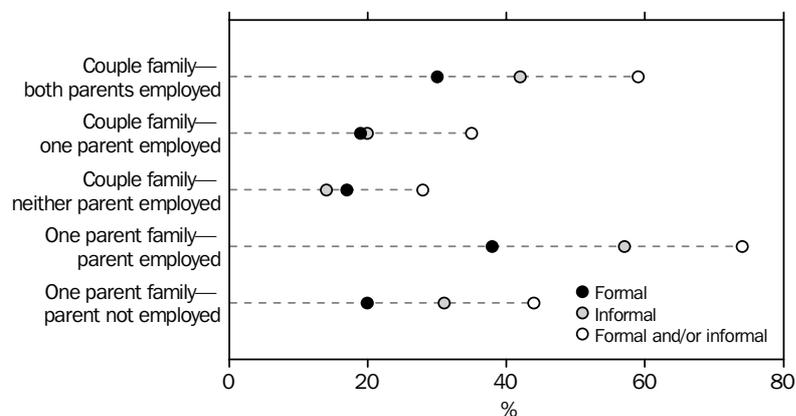
WORK AND CHILD CARE

Use of care by employed parents

Children in one parent families were more likely to use formal and/or informal care than children in couple families (56% compared to 47%).

Within couple and one parent families, use of care was higher for children with employed parents. Within couple families, 59% of children used care if both parents were employed compared to 35% of children with one parent employed and 28% of children who had neither parent employed. Similarly, 74% of children with their lone parent employed used care compared to 44% with their lone parent not employed.

CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Vacation care

Some 252,300 children attended vacation care in the 12 months prior to June 2002 (14% of children who attended school). Approximately 17% of children who were in couple families in which both parents were employed attended vacation care. This compared with 27% of children in lone parent families where the parent was employed and 8% of children in families in which one or both parents were not employed.

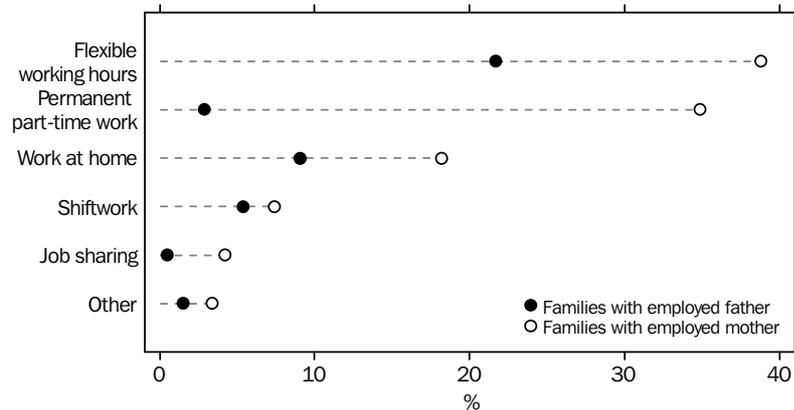
Balancing work and family responsibility

Increasingly, employers and workplaces acknowledge the need for workers to balance work and family responsibilities. A range of provisions has been introduced over the years which assist families to do this. The provisions include flexible working hours, permanent part-time work, home-based work and job sharing.

Of the families with at least one parent employed, 56% indicated that they used one or more work arrangements to assist them to care for their children. Most frequently used were flexible working hours (35%) and permanent part-time work (24%).

Overall, employed mothers were considerably more likely to make use of work arrangements (70%) than employed fathers (30%).

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CHILDREN AGED 0–11 YEARS, Whether used formal or informal care

	<u>JUNE 1993</u>		<u>MARCH 1996</u>		<u>JUNE 1999</u>		<u>JUNE 2002</u>	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
CHILDREN AGED 0–4 YEARS								
Whether used any type of care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care								
Formal care only	245.9	19.0	276.8	21.4	288.5	22.6	343.0	27.6
Informal care only	341.7	26.4	321.4	24.9	327.9	25.7	246.6	19.9
Formal and informal care	193.3	14.9	196.5	15.2	221.1	17.3	209.4	16.9
<i>Total</i>	780.9	60.4	794.7	61.5	837.5	65.7	799.0	64.3
Children who used formal care(a)	439.2	34.0	473.3	36.6	509.6	40.0	552.4	44.5
Children who used informal care(b)	535.0	41.4	517.9	40.1	549.0	43.1	456.0	36.7
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	512.7	39.6	497.7	38.5	436.8	34.3	443.2	35.7
<i>All children</i>	1 293.5	100.0	1 292.4	100.0	1 274.2	100.0	1 242.2	100.0

CHILDREN AGED 5–11 YEARS								
Whether used any type of care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care								
Formal care only	92.8	5.2	96.7	5.3	148.6	8.0	148.3	8.0
Informal care only	567.0	31.6	556.1	30.7	538.2	29.1	476.5	25.6
Formal and informal care	64.2	3.6	54.4	3.0	74.9	4.1	86.7	4.7
<i>Total</i>	724.1	40.4	707.2	39.1	761.8	41.2	711.5	38.3
Children who used formal care(a)	157.0	8.8	151.1	8.3	223.6	12.1	235.0	12.6
Children who used informal care(b)	631.2	35.2	610.5	33.7	613.2	33.2	563.2	30.3
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	1 068.3	59.6	1 103.3	60.9	1 086.9	58.8	1 146.3	61.7
<i>All children</i>	1 792.4	100.0	1 810.5	100.0	1 848.7	100.0	1 857.8	100.0

ALL CHILDREN								
Whether used any type of care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care								
Formal care only	338.7	11.0	373.5	12.0	437.2	14.0	491.3	15.8
Informal care only	908.7	29.4	877.5	28.3	866.1	27.7	723.1	23.3
Formal and informal care	257.5	8.3	250.9	8.1	296.0	9.5	296.1	9.6
<i>Total</i>	1 504.9	48.8	1 501.8	48.4	1 599.3	51.2	1 510.5	48.7
Children who used formal care(a)	596.2	19.3	624.4	20.1	733.2	23.5	787.4	25.4
Children who used informal care(b)	1 166.2	37.8	1 128.3	36.4	1 162.1	37.2	1 019.2	32.9
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	1 581.0	51.2	1 601.0	51.6	1 523.7	48.8	1 589.5	51.3
All children	3 085.9	100.0	3 102.8	100.0	3 122.9	100.0	3 100.0	100.0

(a) This category is the sum of children who used formal care only and those who used formal and informal care.

(b) This category is the sum of children who used informal care only and those who used formal and informal care.

CHILDREN AGED 0–11 YEARS, Type of care

	<u>JUNE 1993</u>		<u>MARCH 1996</u>		<u>JUNE 1999</u>		<u>JUNE 2002</u>	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
CHILDREN AGED 0–4 YEARS								
Whether used any type of child care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care	780.9	60.4	794.7	61.5	837.5	65.7	799.0	64.3
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	512.7	39.6	497.7	38.5	436.8	34.3	443.2	35.7
Type of care								
Formal care								
Before and/or after school care	*1.8	—	*4.4	—	*1.6	—	*4.3	*0.3
Long day care centre	137.0	10.6	170.8	13.2	225.9	17.7	282.2	22.7
Family day care	61.9	4.8	74.6	5.8	72.1	5.7	76.8	6.2
Occasional care centre	44.5	3.4	47.5	3.7	41.5	3.3	33.8	2.7
Preschool	194.4	15.0	188.2	14.6	186.0	14.6	195.2	15.7
Other formal care	27.6	2.1	17.9	1.4	24.2	1.9	8.5	0.7
<i>Children who used formal care(a)</i>	439.2	34.0	473.3	36.6	509.6	40.0	552.4	44.5
Informal care								
Grandparent(b)	—	—	—	—	376.6	29.6	312.6	25.2
Brother/sister	21.9	1.7	22.8	1.8	12.3	1.0	10.4	0.8
Other relative(b)	384.8	29.7	391.0	30.3	94.7	7.4	84.5	6.8
Other person	163.9	12.7	128.9	10.0	104.7	8.2	85.9	6.9
<i>Children who used informal care(a)</i>	535.0	41.4	517.9	40.1	549.0	43.1	456.0	36.7
<i>All children</i>	1 293.5	100.0	1 292.4	100.0	1 274.2	100.0	1 242.2	100.0

CHILDREN AGED 5–11 YEARS

Whether used any type of child care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care	724.0	40.4	707.2	39.1	761.8	41.2	711.5	38.3
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	1 068.3	59.6	1 103.3	60.9	1 086.9	58.8	1 146.3	61.7
Type of care								
Formal care								
Before and/or after school care	84.0	4.7	107.4	5.9	152.5	8.2	166.8	9.0
Long day care centre	9.7	0.5	6.9	0.4	16.1	0.9	14.8	0.8
Family day care	18.8	1.0	21.6	1.2	15.0	0.8	19.1	1.0
Occasional care centre	5.4	0.3	*4.9	—	*1.4	—	*2.4	*0.1
Preschool	42.5	2.4	12.3	0.7	45.7	2.5	44.0	2.4
Other formal care	*2.4	—	*4.3	—	5.2	0.3	*3.2	*0.2
<i>Children who used formal care(a)</i>	157.0	8.8	151.1	8.3	223.6	12.1	235.0	12.6
Informal care								
Grandparent(b)	—	—	—	—	286.1	15.5	279.1	15.0
Brother/sister	137.2	7.7	142.3	7.9	61.9	3.3	60.1	3.2
Other relative(b)	322.3	18.0	335.0	18.5	127.4	6.9	123.8	6.7
Other person	225.1	12.6	189.1	10.4	189.3	10.2	141.3	7.6
<i>Children who used informal care(a)</i>	631.2	35.2	610.5	33.7	613.2	33.2	563.2	30.3
<i>All children</i>	1 792.4	100.0	1 810.5	100.0	1 848.7	100.0	1 857.8	100.0

* estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Components do not add to this total as children could use more than one type of care.

(b) Grandparent included in other relative care prior to 1999.

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Type of care								
Formal care								
Before and/or after school care	85.8	2.8	111.7	3.6	154.1	4.9	171.0	5.5
Long day care centre	146.7	4.8	177.7	5.7	242.0	7.7	297.0	9.6
Family day care	80.7	2.6	96.2	3.1	87.1	2.8	95.9	3.1
Occasional care centre	50.0	1.6	52.4	1.7	42.9	1.4	36.3	1.2
Preschool	236.9	7.7	200.6	6.5	231.6	7.4	239.1	7.7
Other formal care	30.0	1.0	22.2	0.7	29.4	0.9	11.7	0.4
<i>Children who used formal care(a)</i>	596.2	19.3	624.4	20.1	733.2	23.5	787.4	25.4
Informal care								
Grandparent(b)	—	—	—	—	662.7	21.2	591.6	19.1
Brother/sister	159.1	5.2	165.1	5.3	74.2	2.4	70.5	2.3
Other relative(b)	707.1	22.9	726.0	23.4	222.2	7.1	208.3	6.7
Other person	389.1	12.6	318.0	10.2	294.0	9.4	227.2	7.3
<i>Children who used informal care(a)</i>	1 166.2	37.8	1 128.3	36.4	1 162.1	37.2	1 019.2	32.9
All children	3 085.9	100.0	3 102.8	100.0	3 122.9	100.0	3 100.0	100.0

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CHILDREN AGED 0–11 YEARS, Type of care by age

AGE OF CHILD (YEARS)

Under
1 1 2 3 4 5 6–8 9–11 Total

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)

Whether used any type of child care

Children who used formal and/or informal care

Formal care only	10.1	38.9	63.4	94.7	135.9	44.5	66.1	37.7	491.3
Informal care only	65.1	74.2	59.9	33.7	13.6	55.5	216.4	204.6	723.1
Formal and informal care	6.8	27.8	39.0	63.6	72.2	28.1	37.6	20.9	296.1
<i>Children who used formal and/or informal care</i>	<i>82.0</i>	<i>140.9</i>	<i>162.3</i>	<i>192.0</i>	<i>221.7</i>	<i>128.1</i>	<i>320.2</i>	<i>263.2</i>	<i>1 510.5</i>

Children who used neither formal nor informal care

	160.2	106.5	87.0	60.3	29.2	129.5	473.3	543.6	1 589.5
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Type of care

Formal care

Before and/or after school care	—	—	—	**0.3	*3.9	19.2	95.0	52.6	171.0
Long day care centre	12.0	43.6	73.1	90.3	63.1	13.9	**0.8	—	297.0
Family day care	*3.4	17.7	20.5	18.4	16.8	7.8	7.1	*4.2	95.9
Occasional care centre	—	6.9	8.5	11.0	7.4	*1.9	—	**0.6	36.3
Preschool	—	—	**1.0	46.2	148.0	43.0	**1.0	—	239.1
Other formal care	*1.9	**0.8	*2.1	*1.5	*2.2	**0.4	**1.0	*1.8	11.7
<i>Children who used formal care(a)</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>66.7</i>	<i>102.4</i>	<i>158.3</i>	<i>208.0</i>	<i>72.7</i>	<i>103.7</i>	<i>58.6</i>	<i>787.4</i>

Informal care

Grandparent	53.5	76.7	68.8	61.5	52.0	47.1	134.4	97.6	591.6
Brother/sister	**0.4	*2.2	*2.3	*1.9	*3.5	*3.1	20.5	36.5	70.5
Other relative	11.6	16.9	18.7	21.5	15.8	17.9	51.7	54.1	208.3
Other person	11.2	17.8	17.3	18.2	21.3	21.1	63.4	56.9	227.2
<i>Children who used informal care(a)</i>	<i>71.9</i>	<i>102.0</i>	<i>98.9</i>	<i>97.3</i>	<i>85.8</i>	<i>83.6</i>	<i>254.1</i>	<i>225.6</i>	<i>1 019.2</i>

All children

	242.2	247.4	249.3	252.3	250.9	257.6	793.4	806.8	3 100.0
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PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)

Whether used any type of child care

Children who used formal and/or informal care

Formal care only	4.2	15.7	25.5	37.5	54.1	17.3	8.3	4.7	15.8
Informal care only	26.9	30.0	24.0	13.4	5.4	21.5	27.3	25.4	23.3
Formal and informal care	2.8	11.2	15.6	25.2	28.8	10.9	4.7	2.6	9.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>33.9</i>	<i>57.0</i>	<i>65.1</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>49.7</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>32.6</i>	<i>48.7</i>

Children who used neither formal nor informal care

	66.1	43.0	34.9	23.9	11.6	50.3	59.6	67.4	51.3
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All children

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CHILDREN AGED 0–11 YEARS, Type of care by state or territory of usual residence

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)									
Whether used any type of child care									
Children who used formal and/or informal care									
Formal care only	150.1	128.7	116.4	30.8	39.4	10.8	*5.4	9.7	491.3
Informal care only	241.2	163.2	132.4	66.4	83.1	20.3	6.8	9.7	723.1
Formal and informal care	95.8	74.2	59.9	23.2	25.5	6.8	*2.1	8.4	296.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>487.1</i>	<i>366.2</i>	<i>308.6</i>	<i>120.5</i>	<i>148.0</i>	<i>38.0</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>1 510.5</i>
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	560.1	385.7	298.9	105.6	163.2	37.7	15.7	22.7	1 589.5
Type of care									
Formal care									
Before and/or after school care	47.3	51.5	38.8	13.6	11.5	*1.6	*1.5	*5.3	171.0
Long day care centre	95.2	63.8	79.3	19.4	25.0	*5.2	*3.1	*5.9	297.0
Family day care	28.4	24.7	17.9	*6.0	10.4	*4.8	*1.6	*2.0	95.9
Occasional care centre	9.9	14.3	*3.4	*2.7	*1.7	*1.6	**0.5	*2.3	36.3
Preschool	73.5	62.1	53.3	17.4	22.4	*6.2	**1.4	*3.0	239.1
Other formal care	*3.7	*3.6	*2.2	**0.8	**0.7	**0.4	—	**0.4	11.7
<i>Children who used formal care(a)</i>	<i>245.9</i>	<i>203.0</i>	<i>176.3</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>787.4</i>
Informal care									
Grandparent	189.2	148.0	109.0	59.6	59.7	15.7	*2.1	8.2	591.6
Brother/sister	27.7	12.4	14.9	*4.8	*6.2	**1.2	*2.3	**1.2	70.5
Other relative	65.9	45.2	41.7	20.0	23.5	*6.3	*1.8	*3.9	208.3
Other person	78.7	50.8	41.0	12.6	27.7	*6.4	*3.0	6.9	227.2
<i>Children who used informal care(a)</i>	<i>337.0</i>	<i>237.5</i>	<i>192.2</i>	<i>89.7</i>	<i>108.6</i>	<i>27.2</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>1 019.2</i>
All children	1 047.2	751.9	607.5	226.1	311.2	75.6	30.0	50.5	3 100.0

PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)

Whether used any type of child care									
Children who used formal and/or informal care									
Formal care only	14.3	17.1	19.2	13.6	12.7	14.3	*18.0	19.2	15.8
Informal care only	23.0	21.7	21.8	29.4	26.7	26.9	22.6	19.3	23.3
Formal and informal care	9.2	9.9	9.9	10.3	8.2	9.0	*7.2	16.5	9.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>46.5</i>	<i>48.7</i>	<i>50.8</i>	<i>53.3</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>50.2</i>	<i>47.7</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>48.7</i>
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	53.5	51.3	49.2	46.7	52.4	49.8	52.3	45.0	51.3
Type of care									
Formal care									
Before and/or after school care	4.5	6.9	6.4	6.0	3.7	*2.2	*4.9	*10.4	5.5
Long day care centre	9.1	8.5	13.1	8.6	8.0	*6.8	*10.3	*11.7	9.6
Family day care	2.7	3.3	2.9	*2.7	3.4	*6.4	*5.3	*3.9	3.1
Occasional care centre	0.9	1.9	*0.6	*1.2	*0.5	*2.1	**1.5	*4.5	1.2
Preschool	7.0	8.3	8.8	7.7	7.2	*8.2	**4.5	*5.9	7.7
Other formal care	*0.4	*0.5	*0.4	**0.3	**0.2	**0.5	—	**0.7	0.4
<i>Children who used formal care(a)</i>	<i>23.5</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>23.9</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>25.4</i>
Informal care									
Grandparent	18.1	19.7	17.9	26.3	19.2	20.8	*7.1	16.2	19.1
Brother/sister	2.6	1.6	2.5	*2.1	*2.0	**1.5	*7.5	**2.3	2.3
Other relative	6.3	6.0	6.9	8.8	7.6	*8.4	*6.0	*7.7	6.7
Other person	7.5	6.8	6.8	5.6	8.9	*8.5	*10.1	13.7	7.3
<i>Children who used informal care(a)</i>	<i>32.2</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>39.7</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>29.7</i>	<i>35.8</i>	<i>32.9</i>
All children	100.0								

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	FAMILY TYPE		MAIN LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME		AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE		Total
	Couple family	One parent family	English	Other	State capital cities	Balance of Australia	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)							
Whether used any type of child care							
Children who used formal and/or informal care							
Formal care only	403.7	87.6	463.9	27.4	303.9	187.4	491.3
Informal care only	552.2	170.9	694.9	28.2	433.0	290.1	723.1
Formal and informal care	221.9	74.2	292.6	*3.5	190.5	105.6	296.1
<i>Children who used formal and/or informal care</i>	<i>1 177.8</i>	<i>332.7</i>	<i>1 451.5</i>	<i>59.0</i>	<i>927.3</i>	<i>583.2</i>	<i>1 510.5</i>
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	1 328.3	261.2	1 458.6	131.0	939.6	650.0	1 589.5
Type of care							
Formal care							
Before and/or after school care	122.0	49.0	168.2	*2.8	123.4	47.6	171.0
Long day care centre	237.8	59.2	285.3	11.7	188.5	108.4	297.0
Family day care	66.5	29.4	91.2	*4.7	42.8	53.1	95.9
Occasional care centre	29.5	6.7	35.8	**0.4	21.4	14.9	36.3
Preschool	207.3	31.9	227.4	11.8	142.9	96.2	239.1
Other formal care	10.3	**1.4	11.1	**0.6	8.4	*3.3	11.7
<i>Children who used formal care(a)</i>	<i>625.6</i>	<i>161.8</i>	<i>756.5</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>494.4</i>	<i>293.0</i>	<i>787.4</i>
Informal care							
Grandparent	480.0	111.7	570.8	20.8	374.1	217.6	591.6
Brother/sister	54.5	16.0	66.7	*3.8	38.5	32.1	70.5
Other relative	99.9	108.5	202.9	*5.4	123.5	84.8	208.3
Other person	188.2	39.0	222.9	*4.3	132.9	94.2	227.2
<i>Children who used informal care(a)</i>	<i>774.1</i>	<i>245.0</i>	<i>987.5</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>623.4</i>	<i>395.7</i>	<i>1 019.2</i>
All children	2 506.1	593.9	2 910.0	190.0	1 866.9	1 233.1	3 100.0

PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)

Whether used any type of child care							
Children who used formal and/or informal care							
Formal care only	16.1	14.8	15.9	14.4	16.3	15.2	15.8
Informal care only	22.0	28.8	23.9	14.8	23.2	23.5	23.3
Formal and informal care	8.9	12.5	10.1	*1.8	10.2	8.6	9.6
<i>Children who used formal and/or informal care</i>	<i>47.0</i>	<i>56.0</i>	<i>49.9</i>	<i>31.1</i>	<i>49.7</i>	<i>47.3</i>	<i>48.7</i>
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	53.0	44.0	50.1	68.9	50.3	52.7	51.3
All children	100.0						

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CHILDREN WHO USED ANY CARE, Type of care by weekly hours of care

	Less than 5 hours	5-9 hours	10-19 hours	20-29 hours	30-34 hours	35-39 hours	40-44 hours	45 hours or more	Total	Median hours
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)										
Whether used formal and/or informal care										
Formal care only	85.6	122.8	170.7	58.7	18.0	11.9	13.8	9.7	491.3	12
Informal care only	263.1	170.3	142.0	55.3	17.3	12.2	11.5	51.3	723.1	7
Formal and informal care	9.5	34.1	94.9	62.6	26.9	18.0	15.7	34.4	296.1	21
Type of care										
Formal care										
Before and/or after school care	95.3	44.1	29.8	*1.6	**0.3	—	—	—	171.0	4
Long day care centre	9.4	76.4	102.6	63.0	16.0	7.2	12.0	10.2	297.0	16
Family day care	10.7	26.4	32.3	16.1	*2.2	*3.1	*3.5	*1.6	95.9	12
Occasional care centre	17.7	12.8	*4.5	**1.1	**0.2	—	—	—	36.3	5
Preschool	23.6	72.9	128.7	9.0	*3.4	*1.5	—	—	239.1	10
Other formal care	8.5	**1.4	**0.7	—	**0.4	**0.6	—	—	11.7	3
Children who used formal care(a)	146.0	198.3	271.4	97.0	27.1	16.3	17.7	13.6	787.4	12
Informal care										
Grandparent	216.5	157.0	122.2	50.3	13.5	*4.7	*5.8	21.7	591.6	6
Brother/sister	43.2	16.7	*6.3	*2.0	**0.2	**0.8	—	**1.3	70.5	4
Other relative	57.1	38.7	36.9	19.4	*6.2	8.2	*5.1	37.0	208.3	12
Other person	104.9	65.3	34.4	11.5	*2.7	*2.5	**1.2	*4.5	227.2	5
Children who used informal care(a)	357.0	260.2	200.8	80.1	23.6	16.7	13.7	67.1	1 019.2	7
Children who used formal and/or informal care	358.1	327.3	407.6	176.7	62.2	42.2	41.0	95.4	1 510.5	11
PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)										
Whether used formal and/or informal care										
Formal care only	17.4	25.0	34.7	11.9	3.7	2.4	2.8	2.0	100.0	..
Informal care only	36.4	23.6	19.6	7.7	2.4	1.7	1.6	7.1	100.0	..
Formal and informal care	3.2	11.5	32.0	21.2	9.1	6.1	5.3	11.6	100.0	..
Children who used formal and/or informal care	23.7	21.7	27.0	11.7	4.1	2.8	2.7	6.3	100.0	..
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CHILDREN WHO USED ANY CARE, Type of care

	NUMBER OF WEEKDAYS CARE USED (a)						Total
	Weekends only	One weekday	Two weekdays	Three weekdays	Four weekdays	Five weekdays	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)							
Whether used formal and/or informal care							
Formal care only	**0.2	113.2	132.5	110.8	74.7	59.9	491.3
Informal care only	115.9	281.3	142.5	60.7	50.1	72.7	723.1
Formal and informal care	—	7.7	69.2	85.7	72.9	60.5	296.1
Type of care							
Formal care							
Before and/or after school care	—	52.1	40.8	27.7	27.9	22.5	171.0
Long day care centre	—	83.8	87.0	64.5	35.1	26.6	297.0
Family day care	**0.2	31.1	27.0	16.9	12.1	8.7	95.9
Occasional care centre	—	22.0	11.4	*1.8	**0.8	**0.3	36.3
Preschool	—	42.7	86.9	72.2	26.2	11.2	239.1
Other formal care	**0.2	*6.4	*3.5	**0.5	**0.4	**0.8	11.7
Children who used formal care (b)	**0.2	192.7	229.0	176.3	107.6	81.6	787.4
Informal care							
Grandparent	90.3	255.4	125.0	42.2	29.8	48.9	591.6
Brother/sister	8.0	28.5	11.3	9.4	*4.1	9.2	70.5
Other relative	45.7	92.9	31.4	18.0	9.1	11.6	208.7
Other person	38.0	113.6	33.6	16.6	12.6	12.7	227.2
Children who used informal care (b)	157.6	428.5	198.3	90.1	60.0	84.8	1 019.2
Children who used formal and/or informal care	116.0	402.2	344.2	257.2	197.8	193.1	1 510.5
PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)							
Whether used formal and/or informal care							
Formal care only	—	23.0	27.0	22.5	15.2	12.2	100.0
Informal care only	16.0	38.9	19.7	8.4	6.9	10.0	100.0
Formal and informal care	—	2.6	23.4	28.9	24.6	20.5	100.0
Children who used formal and/or informal care	7.7	26.6	22.8	17.0	13.1	12.8	100.0

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(a) Where a child used care on both weekdays and weekends, this was recorded only under the relevant number of weekdays.

(b) Components do not add to this total as children could use more than one type of care.

CHILDREN WHO USED FORMAL CARE, Type of formal care by reason used

	MAIN REASON USED FORMAL CARE				Total
	Work-related	Personal	Beneficial for child	Other(a)	
CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YEARS					
Type of formal care					
Before and/or after school care ('000)	*3.2	**0.5	**0.6	—	*4.3
Long day care centre ('000)	155.0	44.2	76.2	6.8	282.2
Family day care ('000)	43.1	16.6	16.3	**0.8	76.8
Occasional care centre ('000)	9.2	10.4	13.1	**1.1	33.8
Preschool ('000)	31.4	8.8	144.2	10.7	195.2
Other formal care ('000)	**0.6	*3.4	*3.3	**1.2	8.5
Children who used formal care(b) ('000)	214.2	75.9	244.2	18.1	552.4
Children who used formal care(b) (%)	38.8	13.7	44.2	3.3	100.0
ALL CHILDREN (c)					
Type of formal care					
Before and/or after school care ('000)	143.2	16.4	*6.4	*5.0	171.0
Long day care centre ('000)	163.3	45.1	81.8	6.8	297.0
Family day care ('000)	57.8	19.2	18.0	**0.9	95.9
Occasional care centre ('000)	10.8	10.8	13.6	**1.1	36.3
Preschool ('000)	39.9	10.7	175.7	12.8	239.1
Other formal care ('000)	**0.9	*4.4	*4.6	*1.7	11.7
Children who used formal care(b) ('000)	378.8	97.0	285.8	25.8	787.4
Children who used formal care (b) (%)	48.1	12.3	36.3	3.3	100.0

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(a) Includes reason unknown.

(b) Components do not add to this total as children could use more than one type of formal care.

(c) Includes children aged 5-11 years.

CHILDREN WHO USED INFORMAL CARE, Type of informal care by reason used

	MAIN REASON USED INFORMAL CARE				Total
	Work-related	Personal	Beneficial for child	Other	
CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YEARS					
Type of informal care					
Grandparent ('000)	148.6	133.5	9.7	20.7	312.6
Brother/sister ('000)	*4.3	*6.0	—	**0.1	10.4
Other relative ('000)	27.4	31.7	*2.2	23.2	84.5
Other people ('000)	43.4	38.4	**1.4	*2.7	85.9
Children who used informal care(a) ('000)	204.7	196.5	12.0	42.8	456.0
Children who used informal care(a) (%)	44.9	43.1	2.6	9.4	100.0
CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS					
Type of informal care					
Grandparent ('000)	151.3	90.7	12.8	24.4	279.1
Brother/sister ('000)	37.6	21.0	—	**1.4	60.1
Other relative ('000)	32.7	34.2	*2.7	54.3	123.8
Other people ('000)	70.4	50.2	*4.4	16.3	141.3
Children who used informal care(a) ('000)	267.5	186.7	19.0	90.1	563.2
Children who used informal care(a) (%)	47.5	33.1	3.4	16.0	100.0
ALL CHILDREN					
Type of informal care					
Grandparent ('000)	299.9	224.2	22.5	45.1	591.6
Brother/sister ('000)	42.0	27.0	—	*1.6	70.5
Other relative ('000)	60.1	65.9	*4.9	77.5	208.3
Other people ('000)	113.8	88.6	*5.8	19.0	227.2
Children who used informal care(a) ('000)	472.1	383.1	31.0	132.9	1 019.2
Children who used informal care (a) (%)	46.3	37.6	3.0	13.0	100.0

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FAMILY TYPE			
	One parent family		Total
	Couple family	parent family	
	'000	'000	'000

CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED LONG DAY CARE

Main reason chose long day care centre			
Cost	*3.1	**0.6	*3.7
Availability	35.3	7.2	42.6
Hours of operation	*4.0	*1.8	*5.9
Quality/reputation	114.9	19.4	134.3
Close to home	42.5	18.9	61.5
Convenient to work/school	19.3	*5.1	24.5
Other	18.5	*5.7	24.1
Total(a)	237.8	59.2	297.0

All reasons chose long day care centre			
Cost	15.5	*2.5	17.9
Availability	63.7	13.8	77.5
Hours of operation	28.9	6.9	35.8
Quality/reputation	151.7	25.3	177.1
Close to home	102.3	26.5	128.8
Convenient to work/school	48.2	8.4	56.6
Other	38.8	9.3	48.1

CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED PRESCHOOL

Main reason chose preschool			
Cost	*5.3	—	*5.3
Availability	18.9	*4.9	23.8
Hours of operation	*3.6	**0.3	*3.9
Quality/reputation	82.4	9.8	92.2
Close to home	65.4	10.1	75.4
Convenient to work/school	11.5	*2.1	13.6
Other	18.6	*4.4	23.1
Total(b)	207.3	31.9	239.1

All reasons chose preschool			
Cost	11.0	**0.2	11.3
Availability	39.4	*5.5	44.9
Hours of operation	14.9	**1.3	16.2
Quality/reputation	107.6	13.6	121.1
Close to home	104.9	14.2	119.1
Convenient to work/school	23.4	*2.5	25.9
Other	36.1	*6.3	42.4

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- (a) Includes persons who did not know their care centre was a long day care centre.
- (b) Includes persons who did not know their care centre was a preschool.

	0-2 YEARS		3-5 YEARS		6-11 YEARS		TOTAL	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
USE OF FORMAL CARE INCREASED								
Main reason child care use changed								
Work/study reasons	44.7	49.6	38.0	20.7	37.4	75.5	120.1	37.2
Availability of alternative care	*3.2	*3.6	*1.5	*0.8	*3.4	*7.0	8.1	2.5
Other parent-related reasons	10.1	11.2	*5.4	*3.0	*3.3	*6.7	18.9	5.8
Preparations for school or started school	**0.4	**0.4	90.5	49.4	**1.0	**2.0	91.9	28.5
Child only born in the last year	8.3	9.2	—	—	—	—	8.3	2.6
Other child-related reason	20.0	22.2	42.2	23.0	*2.5	*5.0	64.7	20.0
<i>Total(a)</i>	90.2	100.0	183.4	100.0	49.5	100.0	323.1	100.0

USE OF INFORMAL CARE INCREASED (b)								
Main reason child care use changed								
Work/study reasons	44.4	52.0	30.1	51.0	39.6	53.7	114.1	52.3
Availability of alternative care	*2.7	*3.1	*3.2	*5.4	7.4	10.0	13.3	6.1
Other parent-related reason	8.7	10.2	12.2	20.7	12.6	17.1	33.5	15.4
Preparations for school or started school	—	—	*4.3	*7.3	—	—	*4.3	*2.0
Child only born in the last year	19.9	23.3	—	—	—	—	19.9	9.1
Other child-related reason	*5.4	*6.4	*4.7	*7.9	*4.9	*6.7	15.0	6.9
<i>Total(a)</i>	85.4	100.0	59.0	100.0	73.6	100.0	218.0	100.0

USE OF FORMAL CARE DECREASED								
Main reason child care use changed								
Work/study reasons	*6.2	*41.2	14.3	23.8	20.2	40.3	40.8	32.5
Availability of alternative care	*2.2	*14.8	*5.6	*9.4	*6.5	*13.1	14.4	11.5
Other parent-related reasons	*4.7	*31.0	9.2	15.3	9.5	19.0	23.4	18.7
Preparations for school or started school	—	—	21.7	36.1	*5.5	*11.0	27.2	21.7
Other child-related reason	**1.0	**6.8	*5.6	*9.4	*5.2	*10.3	11.8	9.4
<i>Total(a)</i>	15.1	100.0	60.1	100.0	50.2	100.0	125.3	100.0

USE OF INFORMAL CARE DECREASED (b)								
Main reason child care use changed								
Work/study reasons	*4.2	*28.6	7.2	21.7	12.3	25.0	23.8	24.4
Availability of alternative care	*3.4	*22.7	*2.3	*6.9	*2.9	*6.0	8.6	8.8
Other parent-related reason	*3.4	*22.9	*3.3	*9.9	9.9	20.0	16.5	17.0
Preparations for school or started school	—	—	13.6	41.1	7.8	15.9	21.5	22.1
Other child-related reason	**0.9	**6.2	**1.3	**3.9	7.0	14.1	9.2	9.4
<i>Total(a)</i>	14.8	100.0	33.2	100.0	49.3	100.0	97.3	100.0

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(a) Includes Other reasons, which are not child-related or parent-related.

(b) Change in use of informal care was only collected from those children currently using informal care.

CHILDREN WHO USED ANY CARE, Type of care by weekly cost of care(a)

	No cost	\$1- \$9	\$10- \$19	\$20- \$39	\$40- \$59	\$60- \$79	\$80- \$99	\$100 or more	Median cost Total(b)	cost (\$)
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)										
Whether used formal and/or informal care										
Formal care only	41.9	94.3	94.8	112.0	56.3	31.6	21.0	37.9	491.3	20
Informal care only	652.0	8.1	14.0	20.5	13.2	*2.6	*2.4	9.1	723.1	0
Formal and informal care	18.6	48.2	53.3	65.1	37.1	23.6	14.5	35.7	296.1	25
Type of care										
Formal care										
Before and/or after school care	12.3	45.7	47.0	43.5	12.8	*5.9	**0.8	**1.0	171.0	13
Long day care centre	7.0	25.1	44.2	73.0	44.0	32.9	21.4	48.0	297.0	38
Family day care	10.8	19.9	12.8	24.0	12.4	*6.2	*2.0	6.8	95.9	21
Occasional care centre	**1.4	13.3	11.0	*5.5	*3.3	**0.8	**0.5	**0.3	36.3	12
Preschool	35.6	65.2	49.4	45.5	20.5	9.1	7.7	*4.9	239.1	13
Other formal care	*3.9	*4.8	**1.0	**0.9	**0.6	—	**0.4	—	11.7	3
Children who used formal care(c)(d)	59.9	146.4	151.6	179.3	92.6	54.7	33.9	64.4	787.4	21
Informal care										
Grandparent	581.0	**0.3	*2.1	*2.8	*4.2	**0.4	**0.2	**0.8	591.6	0
Brother/sister	63.9	**1.1	*2.7	*2.5	**0.4	—	—	—	70.5	0
Other relative	199.1	**0.3	*1.9	*1.6	*1.7	**0.7	**0.5	*2.6	208.3	0
Other person	144.7	9.0	17.1	23.2	12.8	*4.7	*3.7	10.7	227.2	0
Children who used informal care(c)(d)	911.7	10.7	23.0	29.1	19.1	*5.5	*4.6	14.1	1 019.2	0
Children who used formal and/or informal care	712.5	150.5	162.2	197.6	106.6	57.9	37.8	82.6	1 510.5	3

PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)

Whether used formal and/or informal care										
Formal care only	8.5	19.2	19.3	22.8	11.4	6.4	4.3	7.7	100.0	..
Informal care only	90.2	1.1	1.9	2.8	1.8	*0.4	*0.3	1.3	100.0	..
Formal and informal care	6.3	16.3	18.0	22.0	12.5	8.0	4.9	12.0	100.0	..
Children who used formal and/or informal care	47.2	10.0	10.7	13.1	7.1	3.8	2.5	5.5	100.0	..

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.. not applicable

(a) Net cost to parent(s) after the Child Care Benefit has been paid. See paragraphs 13–16 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes Weekly cost of care Not stated.

(c) Components do not add to total as children could use more than one type of care.

(d) Where a child attended more than one type of care, the weekly cost relates to the total cost of all care in this category.

CHILDREN WHO USED FORMAL CARE, Weekly cost of care

WEEKLY HOURS OF FORMAL CARE

	Less than 5 hours	5-9 hours	10-19 hours	20-29 hours	30-34 hours	35-39 hours	40-44 hours	45 hours or more	Total
Weekly cost of formal care(a)									
No cost ('000)	11	10.3	27.5	6.8	*2.4	*1.5	—	**0.3	59.9
\$1-\$9 ('000)	65.0	41.9	29.4	7.6	**1.3	**0.5	**0.6	—	146.4
\$10-\$19 ('000)	48.5	55.3	38.0	8.3	**0.6	**0.8	—	—	151.6
\$20-\$39 ('000)	15.4	62.8	72.1	18.7	*5.6	**1.2	*2.1	**1.4	179.3
\$40-\$59 ('000)	*3.1	18.5	49.1	13.4	*3.4	**1.3	*2.4	*1.5	92.6
\$60-\$79 ('000)	**1.0	*5.0	26.3	14.1	*2.8	**0.6	*2.9	*2.0	54.7
\$80-\$99 ('000)	**0.2	**0.8	16.6	7.5	*4.0	**1.3	*2.0	*1.5	33.9
\$100 or more ('000)	**0.7	*2.6	11.5	19.9	6.8	8.2	7.7	6.9	64.4
All children who used formal care(b) ('000)	146.0	198.3	271.4	97.0	27.1	16.3	17.7	13.6	787.4
Median cost of care (\$)	9	18	29	50	64	100	85	105	21

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(a) Net cost to parent(s) after the Child Care Benefit has been paid. See paragraphs 13-16 of the Explanatory Notes.
 (b) Includes weekly cost of care not stated.

CHILDREN WHO USED ANY CARE, Type of care by weekly income of parents

	Less than \$400(a)	\$400-\$599	\$600-\$799	\$800-\$999	\$1,000-\$1,199	\$1,200-\$1,399	\$1,400-\$1,999	\$2,000 and over	Total(b)
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)									
Whether used any type of child care									
Children who used formal and/or informal care									
Formal care only	45.3	55.3	62.5	52.5	59.8	44.9	57.2	39.4	491.3
Informal care only	78.5	96.8	75.5	56.4	81.4	65.6	91.6	65.8	723.1
Formal and informal care	23.8	34.7	27.5	24.8	34.0	32.7	41.8	38.6	296.1
Type of care									
Formal care									
Before and/or after school care	11.0	18.9	19.4	9.1	16.6	20.8	28.9	27.7	171.0
Long day care centre	29.7	29.5	32.8	32.5	37.8	27.3	39.0	28.2	297.0
Family day care	7.9	16.0	14.4	10.2	10.9	8.8	11.6	*5.1	95.9
Occasional care centre	*3.4	*5.3	*4.7	*2.8	*3.8	*3.0	*5.6	*3.3	36.3
Preschool	20.0	25.4	28.7	26.0	30.7	22.3	21.8	20.1	239.1
Other formal care	*1.5	**0.9	**1.4	*2.2	**0.8	**1.0	*1.7	**0.9	11.7
Children who used formal care(c)	69.1	90.0	90.0	77.4	93.9	77.6	99.0	78.0	787.4
Informal care									
Grandparent	58.2	57.1	61.5	48.5	77.3	62.0	84.9	53.1	591.6
Brother/sister	*2.9	7.6	7.3	*6.3	7.2	*5.8	11.8	9.5	70.5
Other relative	35.1	51.0	26.5	17.8	15.6	13.8	14.7	12.5	208.3
Other person	14.6	26.2	18.5	12.7	24.4	24.5	32.8	35.8	227.2
Children who used informal care(c)	102.4	131.5	103.0	81.2	115.4	98.3	133.4	104.4	1 019.2
Children who used formal and/or informal care	147.6	186.8	165.5	133.8	175.2	143.2	190.6	143.7	1 510.5
PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)									
Whether used any type of child care									
Children who used formal and/or informal care									
Formal care only	30.7	29.6	37.8	39.3	34.2	31.4	30.0	27.4	32.5
Informal care only	53.2	51.8	45.6	42.2	46.4	45.8	48.0	45.8	47.9
Formal and informal care	16.1	18.6	16.6	18.6	19.4	22.8	21.9	26.9	19.6
Children who used formal and/or informal care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	(c) Components do not add to this total as children could use more than one type of care.								

FAMILIES WHO USED ANY CARE, Weekly income of parent(s)

WEEKLY COST OF CARE(a)

	No cost	\$1- \$9	\$10- \$19	\$20- \$39	\$40- \$59	\$60- \$99	\$100 or more	Total(b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
FORMAL CARE								
Weekly income of parent(s)								
Less than \$400(c)	6.2	18.6	10.9	10.8	5.5	*4.7	**0.4	57.0
\$400-\$599	8.1	16.7	14.2	16.4	*4.5	*3.4	*1.4	64.9
\$600-\$799	6.9	15.7	9.6	14.7	7.0	4.8	*3.9	62.9
\$800-\$999	5.7	8.8	8.7	11.0	9.4	5.7	5.0	54.2
\$1,000-\$1,199	*2.2	6.9	10.9	16.4	11.8	13.3	6.2	67.7
\$1,200-\$1,399	*1.6	5.0	8.7	12.6	9.8	10.8	8.3	57.2
\$1,400-\$1,999	**0.8	6.8	9.9	13.5	10.7	13.0	19.2	74.2
\$2,000 and over	**0.7	*2.6	*4.0	10.4	9.4	10.7	17.3	55.1
All families(d)	37.8	89.0	92.6	124.4	78.1	78.8	72.3	575.4

TOTAL FORMAL AND/OR INFORMAL CARE

Weekly income of parent(s)								
Less than \$400(c)	61.3	19.2	11.1	11.1	5.5	*4.7	**1.1	113.9
\$400-\$599	61.2	16.7	14.2	17.7	4.9	*4.4	*2.6	121.7
\$600-\$799	48.5	15.8	9.9	16.4	7.0	5.9	4.9	108.8
\$800-\$999	36.2	9.0	8.8	12.2	10.4	6.2	5.2	88.0
\$1,000-\$1,199	41.9	7.1	12.0	16.8	12.7	13.4	7.4	111.3
\$1,200-\$1,399	33.5	*4.3	9.9	13.1	12.0	12.5	10.1	95.6
\$1,400-\$1,999	49.2	6.7	9.3	15.2	11.9	13.7	21.0	127.0
\$2,000 and over	27.3	*2.6	*4.1	9.0	8.8	12.4	23.0	87.4
All families(d)	421.8	89.1	95.4	132.0	84.7	86.3	89.5	1 000.2

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- (a) Net cost after the Child Care Benefit has been paid. See paragraphs 13-16 of the Explanatory Notes.
- (b) Includes Weekly cost of care Not stated.
- (c) Includes nil and negative incomes.
- (d) Includes Don't know/Not stated.

CHILDREN WHO USED FORMAL CARE, Whether Child Care Benefit claimed for each type of formal care

	<i>Benefit paid direct to provider</i>	<i>Benefit paid direct to parents(a)</i>	<i>Benefit not claimed</i>	<i>No cost</i>	<i>Total(b)(c)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
.....					
Weekly income of parents(d)					
Less than \$400	46.1	*4.0	11.9	10.4	69.1
\$400-\$599	63.6	*4.7	13.2	12.3	90.0
\$600-\$799	63.1	*3.3	16.6	14.5	90.0
\$800-\$999	52.8	*4.4	16.8	*6.3	77.4
\$1,000-\$1,199	71.2	*4.7	18.9	*4.2	93.9
\$1,200-\$1,399	54.1	*3.3	20.1	*3.4	77.6
\$1,400-\$1,999	65.8	8.9	28.0	*1.6	99.0
\$2,000 and over	45.8	7.5	24.7	**1.4	78.0
Weekly cost of formal care(e)(f)					
No cost	—	*6.5	—	63.4	69.9
\$1-\$9	98.3	7.9	65.8	—	168.8
\$10-\$19	111.7	7.1	45.1	—	163.2
\$20-\$39	135.8	10.4	43.1	—	187.8
\$40-\$59	68.6	7.3	17.7	—	92.9
\$60-\$79	41.8	*5.1	6.7	—	53.6
\$80-\$99	26.5	*0.8	*4.9	—	32.2
\$100 or more	47.1	*3.8	9.9	—	60.8
Children who used formal care(c)(g)	522.4	48.1	189.4	63.4	787.4

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 - (a) Includes those intending to claim the Child Care Benefit.
 - (b) Includes Don't know/Not stated.
 - (c) Components may not add to total as children could use more than one type of care.
 - (d) Number of children who used the specified Child Care Benefit arrangement for one or more types of care whose parent(s) have income in the specified range.
 - (e) Number of children who used the specified Child Care Benefit arrangement for one or more types of care for which the cost is in the specified range.
 - (f) Net cost to the parent(s) after the Child Care Benefit has been paid. See paragraphs 13–16 of the Explanatory Notes.
 - (g) Includes Weekly income of parents Not stated and Weekly cost of formal care Not stated.

	FORMAL CARE	FORMAL CARE	INFORMAL CARE	INFORMAL CARE
	'000	%	'000	%
CHILD CARE BENEFIT PAID DIRECT TO PARENTS				
Main reason benefit paid direct to parents rather than to provider(a)				
Carer or centre not eligible	8.1	16.8	..	..
Not yet applied	9.0	18.7	..	..
Not aware of other options	12.8	26.6	..	..
Not worth the effort	*2.5	*5.2	..	..
Enforced saving	**1.4	**2.9	..	..
Other	14.3	29.8	..	..
Not applicable	..	..	*6.4	*100.0
<i>Children whose benefit paid direct to parents(b)</i>	<i>48.1</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>*6.4</i>	<i>*100.0</i>
CHILD CARE BENEFIT NOT CLAIMED				
Main reason benefit not claimed				
Carer or centre not eligible	40.9	21.6	29.9	29.2
Not aware of other options	60.9	32.1	17.6	17.1
Not worth the effort	19.6	10.3	20.5	20.0
Income too high	36.3	19.2	7.8	7.6
Fees too low	*3.9	*2.1	*4.1	*4.0
Centre receives other government funding	*6.5	*3.4	—	—
Care not work related	11.8	6.2	11.9	11.6
Other	11.2	5.9	10.7	10.5
<i>Children whose benefit not claimed(b)</i>	<i>189.4</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>102.5</i>	<i>100.0</i>

- .. not applicable (a) This information was not collected for informal care.
- * estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution (a) Most informal care does not have the option of direct payments to the provider.
- ** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use (b) Components do not add to this total for formal care as children could use more than one type of care.
- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

CHILDREN AGED 0–11 YEARS, Whether (additional) formal care required

	<u>JUNE 1993</u>		<u>MARCH 1996</u>		<u>JUNE 1999</u>		<u>JUNE 2002</u>	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
CHILDREN AGED 0–4 YEARS								
(Additional) formal care required								
Currently use formal care	99.4	7.7	57.6	4.5	53.0	4.2	50.0	4.0
Currently use informal care	86.7	6.7	44.0	3.4	30.6	2.4	25.8	2.1
Use neither formal nor informal care	93.1	7.2	41.4	3.2	30.5	2.4	30.5	2.5
<i>Children who required (additional) formal care</i>	279.2	21.6	143.0	11.1	114.1	9.0	106.4	8.6
No (additional) formal care required								
Currently use formal care	339.7	26.3	415.7	32.2	456.6	35.8	502.4	40.4
Currently use informal care only	255.0	19.7	277.4	21.5	297.3	23.3	220.8	17.8
Use neither formal nor informal care	419.6	32.4	456.3	35.3	406.2	31.9	412.7	33.2
<i>Children who did not require (additional) formal care</i>	1 014.4	78.4	1 149.4	88.9	1 160.2	91.0	1 135.8	91.4
<i>All children</i>	1 293.5	100.0	1 292.4	100.0	1 274.2	100.0	1 242.2	100.0
CHILDREN AGED 5–11 YEARS								
(Additional) formal care required								
Currently use formal care	25.9	1.4	11.8	0.7	16.7	0.9	14.8	0.8
Currently use informal care	88.6	4.9	57.7	3.2	40.8	2.2	25.7	1.4
Use neither formal nor informal care	95.5	5.3	49.3	2.7	29.5	1.6	27.5	1.5
<i>Children who required (additional) formal care</i>	210.1	11.7	118.8	6.6	87.0	4.7	68.0	3.7
No (additional) formal care required								
Currently use formal care	131.1	7.3	139.3	7.7	206.9	11.2	220.2	11.9
Currently use informal care only	478.4	26.7	498.4	27.5	497.4	26.9	450.8	24.3
Use neither formal nor informal care	972.8	54.3	1 054.0	58.2	1 057.4	57.2	1 118.8	60.2
<i>Children who did not require (additional) formal care</i>	1 582.3	88.3	1 691.7	93.4	1 761.7	95.3	1 789.8	96.3
<i>All children</i>	1 792.4	100.0	1 810.5	100.0	1 848.7	100.0	1 857.8	100.0
ALL CHILDREN								
(Additional) formal care required								
Currently use formal care	125.4	4.1	69.4	2.2	69.7	2.2	64.8	2.1
Currently use informal care	175.3	5.7	101.7	3.3	71.4	2.3	51.5	1.7
Use neither formal nor informal care	188.6	6.1	90.7	2.9	60.0	1.9	58.1	1.9
<i>Children who required (additional) formal care</i>	489.2	15.9	261.7	8.4	201.1	6.4	174.5	5.6
No (additional) formal care required								
Currently use formal care	470.8	15.3	555.0	17.9	663.5	21.2	722.5	23.3
Currently use informal care only	733.4	23.8	775.8	25.0	794.7	25.4	671.6	21.7
Use neither formal nor informal care	1 392.4	45.1	1 510.3	48.7	1 463.6	46.9	1 531.5	49.4
<i>Children who did not require (additional) formal care</i>	2 596.7	84.1	2 841.1	91.6	2 921.8	93.6	2 925.6	94.4
All children	3 085.9	100.0	3 102.8	100.0	3 122.9	100.0	3 100.0	100.0

CHILDREN WHO REQUIRED (ADDITIONAL) FORMAL CARE, Main type required

Main type of formal care required	JUNE 1993		MARCH 1996		JUNE 1999		JUNE 2002	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YEARS								
Before and/or after school care	*2.9	*1.0	*3.3	*2.3	*2.4	*2.1	*2.4	*2.3
Long day care centre	56.4	20.2	36.3	25.4	40.7	35.7	42.7	40.2
Family day care	41.9	15.0	22.7	15.9	18.4	16.2	24.3	22.8
Occasional care centre	141.4	50.6	57.3	40.0	35.9	31.5	29.4	27.6
Preschool	27.9	10.0	19.8	13.8	10.1	8.9	*5.1	*4.8
Other formal care	8.7	3.1	*3.6	*2.5	6.5	5.7	*2.5	*2.3
Children who required (additional) formal care	279.2	100.0	143.0	100.0	114.1	100.0	106.4	100.0
CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS								
Before and/or after school care	122.2	58.2	81.6	68.7	60.2	69.1	45.4	66.7
Long day care centre	7.4	3.5	2.7	2.3	4.7	5.4	*3.5	*5.2
Family day care	18.3	8.7	6.3	5.3	6.1	7.0	*4.8	*7.0
Occasional care centre	50.4	24.0	24.8	20.9	7.8	8.9	8.2	12.0
Preschool	*2.2	*1.0	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.2	—	—
Other formal care	9.6	4.6	*2.8	*2.4	7.3	8.4	*6.1	*9.0
Children who required (additional) formal care	210.1	100.0	118.8	100.0	87.0	100.0	68.0	100.0
ALL CHILDREN								
Before and/or after school care	125.1	25.6	84.9	32.4	62.6	31.1	47.8	27.4
Long day care centre	63.8	13.0	39.0	14.9	45.4	22.6	46.3	26.5
Family day care	60.2	12.3	29.0	11.1	24.5	12.2	29.1	16.7
Occasional care centre	191.8	39.2	82.1	31.4	43.7	21.7	37.6	21.5
Preschool	30.0	6.1	20.3	7.8	11.2	5.6	*5.1	*2.9
Other formal care	18.3	3.7	6.4	2.4	13.7	6.8	8.6	4.9
Children who required (additional) formal care	489.2	100.0	261.7	100.0	201.1	100.0	174.5	100.0

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	AGE OF CHILD (YEARS)				
	Under 3	3-5	6-8	9-11	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Main reason (additional) formal care required					
Work-related reasons					
Work	27.0	18.4	16.4	10.5	72.3
Look for work	*3.9	**0.7	**1.3	—	*5.9
Work-related study or training	*1.5	*1.5	**0.7	—	*3.7
Total work-related reasons	32.5	20.6	18.5	10.5	82.0
Personal reasons					
Give parents a break or time alone	11.5	7.5	*2.6	*4.5	26.1
Other	12.0	10.0	*5.6	7.1	34.7
Total personal reasons	23.5	17.5	8.1	11.6	60.7
Child-related reasons	9.4	13.3	*4.2	**0.5	27.5
Other reasons	*1.7	*1.6	—	**0.9	*4.3
Children who required (additional) formal care(a)	67.0	53.1	30.8	23.5	174.5

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- (a) Includes Don't know.

	AGE OF CHILD (YEARS)				Total
	Under 3	3–5	6–8	9–11	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Main reason required (additional) formal care not used					
None exist/don't know of any in area	*3.7	*6.2	*5.5	*6.4	21.8
Cost or too expensive	8.5	10.3	7.7	*3.7	30.2
Booked out or no places	34.1	18.7	*4.3	*4.0	61.1
Other service-related	*5.7	*4.5	*4.5	*2.0	16.6
Child-related	*2.7	**0.9	**1.2	**1.0	*5.8
Other	6.7	*5.1	*3.4	*2.5	17.7
Not known whether care available	*5.7	7.3	*4.2	*4.0	21.2
<i>Children who required (additional) formal care</i>	67.0	53.1	30.8	23.5	174.5
Main reason did not require (additional) formal care					
Cost or too expensive	17.6	25.0	24.6	26.0	93.3
Other service-related	9.6	8.5	12.0	11.6	41.8
Child too young/old	95.4	15.0	9.0	33.1	152.5
Other child-related	*2.5	*6.0	8.7	10.3	27.5
Prefer or available to look after child	442.7	519.1	560.0	544.2	2 066.0
Prefer other type of care	36.7	36.8	48.0	49.2	170.7
Other	17.8	22.5	23.1	27.1	90.5
No reason	49.7	74.8	77.2	81.8	283.4
<i>Children who do not require (additional) formal care</i>	671.9	707.7	762.6	783.3	2 925.6
All children	739.0	760.8	793.4	806.8	3 100.0

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	COUPLE FAMILY				ONE PARENT FAMILY			Total
	Both parents employed	One parent employed	Neither parent employed	Children in couple families(a)	Parent employed	Parent not employed	Children in one parent families	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ('000)								
Whether used any type of child care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care								
Formal care only	215.7	155.8	26.2	403.7	40.4	47.2	87.6	491.3
Informal care only	364.7	159.9	20.0	552.2	86.1	84.8	170.9	723.1
Formal and informal care	169.1	42.9	*5.5	221.9	49.9	24.3	74.2	296.1
Total	749.5	358.5	51.7	1 177.8	176.4	156.3	332.7	1 510.5
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	514.2	666.7	133.4	1 328.3	62.2	199.0	261.2	1 589.5
Type of care								
Formal care								
Before and/or after school care	103.4	14.3	*2.2	122.0	39.6	9.4	49.0	171.0
Long day care centre	163.5	57.8	11.9	237.8	27.7	31.5	59.2	297.0
Family day care	43.7	17.9	*3.2	66.5	19.7	9.7	29.4	95.9
Occasional care centre	12.9	14.7	**1.4	29.5	*1.6	*5.2	6.7	36.3
Preschool	92.1	98.0	14.6	207.3	12.8	19.1	31.9	239.1
Other formal care	*3.5	6.7	—	10.3	**0.5	**1.0	**1.4	11.7
Children who used formal care(b)	384.7	198.6	31.6	625.6	90.3	71.5	161.8	787.4
Informal care								
Grandparent	341.3	119.0	16.2	480.0	56.4	55.2	111.7	591.6
Brother/sister	39.2	12.2	**0.6	54.5	11.2	*4.8	16.0	70.5
Other relative	62.7	32.6	*3.4	99.9	64.3	44.1	108.5	208.3
Other people	128.6	47.0	*5.8	188.2	25.9	13.1	39.0	227.2
Children who used informal care(b)	533.8	202.7	25.5	774.1	136.0	109.0	245.0	1 019.2
All children	1 263.7	1 025.2	185.1	2 506.1	238.6	355.3	593.9	3 100.0
PROPORTION OF CHILDREN (%)								
Whether used any type of child care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care								
Formal care only	17.1	15.2	14.1	16.1	16.9	13.3	14.8	15.8
Informal care only	28.9	15.6	10.8	22.0	36.1	23.9	28.8	23.3
Formal and informal care	13.4	4.2	2.9	8.9	20.9	6.8	12.5	9.6
Total	59.3	35.0	27.9	47.0	73.9	44.0	56.0	48.7
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	40.7	65.0	72.1	53.0	26.1	56.0	44.0	51.3
All children	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)								

	COUPLE FAMILY				ONE PARENT FAMILY			Total	
	Both parents employed	One parent employed	Neither parent employed	Children in couple families(a)	Parent employed	Parent not employed	Children in one parent families		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
CHILDREN AGED 4-5 YEARS									
Vacation care									
Attended vacation care program	9.7	*2.3	—	12.1	*2.7	*2.6	*5.3	17.5	8.2
Did not attend vacation care program	78.2	68.2	13.1	160.8	11.6	23.5	35.1	195.9	91.8
Would have liked to attend	12.0	*6.3	*3.3	21.9	*1.6	*2.9	*4.5	26.4	12.4
Would not have liked to attend	66.3	61.9	9.9	138.9	10.0	20.6	30.6	169.5	79.4
Total	88.0	70.5	13.1	172.9	14.3	26.1	40.4	213.4	100.0
CHILDREN AGED 6-11 YEARS									
Vacation care									
Attended vacation care program	126.2	35.3	*4.0	169.5	45.4	19.9	65.3	234.8	14.7
Did not attend vacation care program	585.5	397.2	84.2	1 079.2	118.6	165.1	283.7	1 362.9	85.3
Would have liked to attend	102.6	55.8	15.5	177.1	27.3	43.1	70.4	247.5	15.5
Would not have liked to attend	482.8	341.4	68.7	902.1	91.3	122.0	213.3	1 115.4	69.8
Total	711.7	432.5	88.2	1 248.7	164.0	185.1	349.0	1 597.7	100.0
ALL CHILDREN									
Vacation care									
Attended vacation care program	135.9	37.6	*4.0	181.6	48.1	22.6	70.7	252.3	13.9
Did not attend vacation care program	663.7	465.4	97.3	1 240.0	130.2	188.6	318.8	1 558.8	86.1
Would have liked to attend	114.6	62.2	18.7	199.0	29.0	46.0	74.9	273.9	15.1
Would not have liked to attend	549.1	403.2	78.6	1 041.0	101.3	142.6	243.9	1 284.9	70.9
Total	799.6	503.0	101.3	1 421.6	178.3	211.1	389.5	1 811.1	100.0

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WEEKLY HOURS WORKED BY PARENT

	Less than 16 '000	16-24 '000	25-34 '000	35-39 '000	40 or more '000	Total employed '000	Total not employed '000	Total(a) '000
FATHER								
Whether used any type of care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care								
Formal care only	24.0	19.6	63.8	45.6	207.2	360.2	37.9	403.7
Informal care only	34.6	22.1	82.4	51.3	323.0	513.4	32.0	552.2
Formal and informal care	9.6	12.1	30.4	24.9	132.1	209.1	8.5	221.9
Total	68.1	53.8	176.6	121.9	662.3	1 082.7	78.4	1 177.8
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	103.3	63.8	180.4	147.3	641.1	1 135.9	178.8	1 328.3
Type of care								
Formal care								
Before and/or after school care	*5.7	*5.9	21.1	12.2	70.2	115.1	*4.8	122.0
Long day care centre	10.9	13.7	37.2	28.7	124.4	214.9	18.7	237.8
Family day care	*5.9	*3.3	*6.5	8.1	36.4	60.2	*4.9	66.5
Occasional care centre	**1.4	**1.3	*4.2	*3.7	15.5	26.0	*2.9	29.5
Preschool	12.3	9.4	29.7	21.9	114.1	187.4	17.5	207.3
Other formal care	**0.7	**1.0	*2.8	**1.4	*4.2	10.0	**0.3	10.3
Children who used formal care(b)	33.6	31.7	94.2	70.5	339.3	569.3	46.4	625.6
Informal care								
Grandparent	25.5	21.3	69.7	54.2	282.8	453.5	23.9	480.0
Brother/sister	*3.2	*1.6	7.4	*5.1	34.6	51.8	**0.9	54.5
Other relative	9.5	*6.3	17.7	8.4	51.6	93.5	*5.2	99.9
Other person	7.9	*6.1	24.9	12.6	118.9	170.4	11.0	188.2
Children who used informal care(b)	44.2	34.2	112.8	76.3	455.1	722.5	40.5	774.1
Children in couple families	171.5	117.6	357.0	269.2	1 303.4	2 218.6	257.2	2 506.1
MOTHER								
Whether used any type of care								
Children who used formal and/or informal care								
Formal care only	81.2	52.2	41.2	19.3	36.2	230.2	173.0	403.7
Informal care only	133.3	77.9	67.9	37.6	63.6	380.1	171.4	552.2
Formal and informal care	50.3	42.2	33.9	18.3	30.4	175.0	46.7	221.9
Total	264.8	172.2	143.0	75.1	130.1	785.2	391.1	1 177.8
Children who used neither formal nor informal care	237.5	129.1	94.0	33.2	70.6	564.3	763.7	1 328.3
Type of care								
Formal care								
Before and/or after school care	18.5	22.4	26.6	13.4	27.3	108.1	13.9	122.0
Long day care centre	54.9	44.8	33.8	15.8	22.7	172.1	65.3	237.8
Family day care	14.4	10.4	7.3	*4.4	10.2	46.8	19.4	66.5
Occasional care centre	7.1	*3.6	*1.8	*1.6	**0.5	14.6	14.9	29.5
Preschool	45.8	20.5	12.7	6.9	10.0	96.0	111.3	207.3
Other formal care	*2.7	**0.7	—	—	**0.4	*3.8	*6.4	10.3
Children who used formal care(b)	131.5	94.4	75.1	37.6	66.6	405.1	219.7	625.6
Informal care								
Grandparent	129.6	78.0	57.8	31.3	53.7	350.4	128.6	480.0
Brother/sister	8.9	*5.1	11.6	*5.7	10.0	41.2	12.6	54.5
Other relative	20.4	17.0	10.9	*6.5	10.0	64.8	35.1	99.9
Other person	38.8	26.6	27.6	17.4	26.6	137.0	51.2	188.2
Children who used informal care(b)	183.6	120.1	101.7	55.8	93.9	555.1	218.0	774.1
Children in couple families	502.3	301.3	236.9	108.3	200.8	1 349.6	1 154.8	2 506.1

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(a) Includes an estimated 32,100 children in couple families where one parent was out of scope/coverage of the LFS. This comprises 30,300 children whose father, and 1,800 children whose mother, was out of scope/coverage.

(b) Components do not add to this total as children could use more than one type of care.

	<u>JUNE 1993</u>		<u>MARCH 1996</u>		<u>JUNE 1999</u>		<u>JUNE 2002</u>	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
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FAMILIES WITH EMPLOYED FATHER								
Work arrangements used by father								
Flexible working hours	199.4	15.6	214.2	16.4	232.0	18.0	272.5	21.7
Permanent part-time work	9.5	0.7	17.6	1.3	23.9	1.9	36.9	2.9
Shiftwork	58.0	4.5	70.8	5.4	68.5	5.3	67.5	5.4
Work at home	84.5	6.6	88.4	6.8	94.9	7.4	114.0	9.1
Job sharing	7.4	0.6	10.5	0.8	6.7	0.5	6.4	0.5
Other	10.8	0.8	16.7	1.3	16.0	1.2	19.4	1.5
<i>All families where father used work arrangements(a)</i>	312.2	24.4	340.9	26.1	343.5	26.7	377.6	30.0
All families where father did not use work arrangements	967.5	75.6	965.4	73.9	943.2	73.3	880.1	70.0
All families with father employed	1 279.7	100.0	1 306.3	100.0	1 286.7	100.0	1 257.8	100.0
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FAMILIES WITH EMPLOYED MOTHER								
Work arrangements used by mother								
Flexible working hours	249.9	29.8	281.2	31.3	340.9	36.8	370.8	38.8
Permanent part-time work	236.6	28.2	260.4	29.0	312.1	33.7	333.7	34.9
Shiftwork	54.5	6.5	57.8	6.4	79.1	8.5	70.8	7.4
Work at home	156.8	18.7	164.7	18.3	142.9	15.4	173.9	18.2
Job sharing	24.9	3.0	36.0	4.0	36.2	3.9	40.1	4.2
Other	12.6	1.5	23.8	2.6	32.6	3.5	32.4	3.4
<i>All families where mother used work arrangements(a)</i>	572.4	68.3	617.6	68.7	627.3	67.8	672.7	70.4
All families where mother did not use work arrangements	265.9	31.7	281.4	31.3	298.2	32.2	282.4	29.6
All families with mother employed	838.3	100.0	898.9	100.0	925.5	100.0	955.2	100.0
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ALL FAMILIES WITH AT LEAST ONE PARENT EMPLOYED								
Work arrangements used by either parent								
Flexible working hours	385.2	27.4	412.7	28.5	474.7	32.5	515.8	35.4
Permanent part-time work	248.6	17.7	275.0	19.0	336.0	23.0	356.5	24.4
Shiftwork	104.7	7.4	118.7	8.2	135.7	9.3	124.0	8.5
Work at home	202.3	14.4	216.0	14.9	198.1	13.5	238.7	16.4
Job sharing	28.6	2.0	41.1	2.8	40.0	2.7	43.3	3.0
Other	21.8	1.5	40.4	2.8	46.0	3.1	47.8	3.3
<i>All families where either parent used work arrangements(a)</i>	710.4	50.5	756.7	52.3	773.2	52.9	820.6	56.2
All families where neither parent used work arrangements	697.2	49.5	689.9	47.7	689.4	47.1	638.3	43.8
All families with at least one parent employed	1 407.6	100.0	1 446.6	100.0	1 462.6	100.0	1 458.9	100.0

(a) Components do not add to this total as parents could use more than one type of work arrangement.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains results from the Child Care Survey conducted throughout Australia in June 2002. It is a continuation of a series of surveys on this topic, conducted since 1969. The previous survey was in June 1999. The major aim of the survey was to collect data on the use of, and demand for, child care for children aged less than 12 years. Information was also collected on the use and non-use of the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the income and working arrangements of parents with children under 12 years.

2 The Child Care Survey was conducted as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The monthly publication *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the LFS. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about telephone interviewing relevant to both the LFS and supplementary surveys.

3 From April 2001 the LFS has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional questions and some minor definitional changes. These changes also affect the supplementary surveys. For further details, see *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) and *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

SCOPE

4 Information was collected from private dwellings with children under 12 years of age. The survey excluded children visiting the dwelling and students at boarding school. Persons excluded from the LFS are:

- members of the Australian permanent defence forces
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from censuses and surveys
- overseas residents in Australia
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia.

5 The survey was conducted in both urban and rural areas in all states and territories, but excluded persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia who would otherwise have been within the scope of the survey. The exclusion of these persons will have only a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual states and territories, except in the Northern Territory where such persons account for about 20% of the population.

COVERAGE

6 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in June 2002. In the LFS, coverage rules were applied which aim to ensure that each person was associated with only one dwelling and hence has only one chance of selection. See *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) for more details.

COLLECTION METHODOLOGY

7 Information was obtained through interviews conducted over a two-week period between 12 and 24 June 2002. Data collected on the use of child care related to the week prior to the interview (with the exception of Tasmania where it related to 27 May to 2 June to avoid Tasmanian school holidays).

8 In each selected household, detailed information about each child's child care was collected for a maximum of two children. Information was obtained from an adult who permanently resided in the selected household and was either the child's parent, step-parent or guardian. In selected households with more than two children aged under 12 years, two children were randomly selected and the complete set of child care information was collected for them. Summary information was collected for the additional children including number attending, CCB arrangements for, and cost of formal and informal care.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COLLECTION METHODOLOGY

continued

9 This sampling methodology differs from that used in 1999 where a small set of information was collected for each of the 3rd, 4th and 5th child in the household and the sampling methodology used in the 1996 survey and earlier, where a complete set of child care information was collected for all children resident in a selected household.

CHANGES BETWEEN SURVEYS

10 Some changes were made in the survey content between 1999 and 2002.

- Questions on the CCB replaced the previous questions on the Childcare Rebate.
- New questions were asked about whether a preschool/kindergarten education program was provided at the long day care centre or occasional care centre attended by the child.
- In 1999, questions were asked about the year of arrival of children born overseas and whether the child's preschool provided care before 9 am or after 5 pm, conducted its program during school holidays and was in a suitable location. These questions were not asked in 2002.
- In 1999, more detailed information was collected on country of birth.
- In 2002, main language spoken at home was collected in relation to the child rather than the parent (as was the case in 1999).

CHILD CARE BENEFIT

11 The CCB was introduced in July 2000 and replaced Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate. The CCB is a payment to help families who use approved and registered care (which broadly align with formal and informal care). Services must be approved or registered for parents to receive the CCB.

12 Families using approved child care services can choose to receive their CCB as reduced child care fees (benefit paid direct to provider) or as a lump sum payment at the end of the financial year (benefit paid direct to parent). Families using registered care can only claim their CCB through the year upon production of receipts. For more details on the CCB, see <<http://www.familyassist.gov.au>>.

Cost of care

13 Within this publication, cost of care is the net cost of care to the parents after the CCB has been paid. Net cost of care was calculated by collecting basic information from parents that enabled the ABS to estimate the CCB and then deduct the CCB from the reported cost of care.

14 To determine whether the CCB needed to be estimated for a particular child, children were categorised in the following groups:

- CCB did not need to be calculated by the ABS as no CCB to be paid — this applied to children with no cost of care, and those children whose parents had not claimed and did not intend to claim the CCB.
- CCB did not need to be calculated by the ABS as reported amount excluded the CCB — this applied to children who used formal care and whose CCB was paid direct to the provider (and therefore the parents paid reduced fees excluding the CCB).
- CCB did need to be calculated by the ABS — this applied to children who used formal care and whose parents intended to claim the CCB, and children who used informal care and the parents had claimed or intended to claim the CCB.

15 The ABS estimated the amount of CCB using the CCB Ready Reckoner provided by the Department of Family and Community Services. The Ready Reckoner calculates the CCB using the number of hours of care, the standard hourly rate, family income and number of children in the family using child care, whether the child attends school and, for long day care, whether care is part- or full-time.

16 In estimating the CCB, the ABS assumed that:

- if the parent intended to claim the CCB, then the care provider was eligible (i.e. approved in the case of formal child care services or registered in the case of informal child care services)

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

Cost of care continued

- basic eligibility requirements for the benefit were met (e.g. residency and children's immunisation)
- parents would be willing to provide their tax file number to the Family Assistance Office, which would enable them to obtain the CCB above minimum rates (depending upon the parents income)
- parents met the work, study or training test, which is required for CCB in relation to registered care and is required for CCB in excess of 20 hours care per week for approved care.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

- 17** Estimates of this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors:
- sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For more information see the Technical Note.
 - non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient processing procedures.

NEXT SURVEY

- 18** The ABS plans to conduct this survey again in June 2005.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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- 20** In addition to the statistics included in this publication, the ABS may have other relevant data available. Enquiries can be made by emailing Stephen MacDermott at stephen.macdermott@abs.gov.au or by telephoning 02 6252 5165 or by facsimile 02 6252 7784.

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- 21** Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:
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 - *Household and Family Projections, Australia, 1996–2021* (cat. no. 3236.0)
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- 22** Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

APPENDIX DATA ITEMS LIST

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A1

Characteristics of families

Number of children
State or territory
Area of usual residence
Family type

Characteristics of parents

Sex
Age
Labour force status
Full-time or part-time employment status
Weekly hours worked
Whether studying full-time
All sources of cash income
Main source of cash income
Weekly income from all sources before tax
Working arrangements used to assist with child care

Characteristics of children

Sex
Age
Country of birth
Main language spoken at home
School attendance

Child care arrangements for families

Number of children using care for formal and informal care
Weekly cost of care for formal and informal care

Child care arrangements for children

Whether used care for formal and informal care
Weekly cost of care for formal and informal care
Weekly hours of care for formal and informal care
All reasons used care for formal and informal care
Main reason used care for formal and informal care
Change in use of care for formal and informal care
Main reason child care use changed for formal and informal care
Main reason for not claiming childcare benefit for formal care
Main reason for not claiming childcare benefit for informal care

Child care arrangements for children *cont.*

Whether attended vacation care

Unmet need for formal care for children

Whether (additional) formal care required
Main reason for not requiring (additional) formal care
Main type of (additional) formal care required
Main reason for wanting (additional) formal care
Number of (additional) days of formal care required
Main reason for not using (additional) formal care
Whether required vacation care

Child care arrangements for each type of care

Type of care
Days of week
Daily hours of care for each day of week
Weekly cost of care
Whether child care benefit paid direct to the care provider
Whether child care benefit paid direct to the parents
Main reason child care benefit paid direct to the parents rather than to the provider
Main reason child care benefit not claimed

Child care arrangements for specific types of care

Time of day of attendance at before and after school care program
Location of before and after school care
Whether long day care centre provides care before 9am and/or after 5pm
Whether long day care centre conducts its program during school holidays
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre
Main reason for choosing a long day care centre
Whether location of long day care centre is most suitable
Preferred location of long day care centre
All reasons for not using long day care centre in preferred location
Whether child receives a preschool education program at long day or occasional care
All reasons for choosing a preschool
Main reason for choosing a preschool

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY

ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

1 Estimates of children were derived using a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that estimates conform to an independently estimated state by age by sex distribution of children in the population, rather than to the state by age by sex distribution within the sample itself. Independent estimates of the distribution of households by state and number of persons were also used to improve the estimation procedure for family estimates.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

2 Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from those estimates that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three (67%) that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 (95%) that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

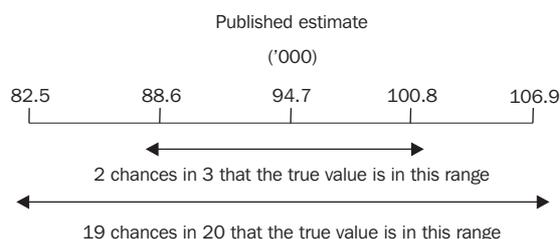
3 Due to space limitations, it is impractical to print the SE of each estimate in the publication. Instead, a table of SEs is provided to enable readers to determine the SE for an estimate from the size of that estimate (see tables T1 and T2). There are separate SE tables for estimates of number of children and estimates of number of families. Each SE table is derived from a mathematical model, referred to as the 'SE model', which is created using the data collected in this survey. It should be noted that the SE model only gives an approximate value for the SE for any particular estimate, since there is some minor variation among SEs for different estimates of the same size.

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS

4 An example of the calculation and the use of SEs in relation to estimates of children is as follows. Calculation of SEs relating to estimates of families use table T2 instead of table T1. Table 3 shows that the estimated number of children aged 3 who used formal care only is 94,700. Since this estimate is between 50,000 and 100,000, table T1 shows that the SE for Australia will lie between 4,500 and 6,250 and can be approximated by interpolation using the following general formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & SE \text{ of estimate} \\
 &= \text{lower SE} + \left(\left(\frac{\text{size of estimate} - \text{lower estimate}}{\text{upper estimate} - \text{lower estimate}} \right) \times (\text{upper SE} - \text{lower SE}) \right) \\
 &= 4,500 + \left(\left(\frac{94,700 - 50,000}{100,000 - 50,000} \right) \times (6,250 - 4,500) \right) \\
 &= 6,064.5 \\
 &= 6,100 \text{ (rounded to the nearest 100)}
 \end{aligned}$$

5 Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 88,600 to 100,800 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 82,500 to 106,900. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

6 In general, the size of the SE increases as the size of the estimate increases. Conversely, the RSE decreases as the size of the estimate increases. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high RSEs so that their value for most practical purposes is unreliable. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with RSEs of 25% or less are considered reliable for most purposes. Estimates with RSEs greater than 25% but less than or equal to 50% are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs of greater than 50%, preceded by a double asterisk (e.g. **0.3), are considered too unreliable for general use and should only be used to aggregate with other estimates to provide derived estimates with RSEs of 25% or less.

PROPORTIONS AND PERCENTAGES

7 Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below. This formula is only valid when x is a subset of y.

$$RSE\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 - [RSE(y)]^2}$$

8 For example, in table 3 the estimate for the total number of children aged 3 who used formal and/or informal care is 192,000. The estimated number of children aged 3 who used formal care only is 94,700, so the proportion of children aged 3 who used formal care only out of those children who used child care is 94,700/192,000 or 49.3%. The SE of the total number of children aged 3 who used child care may be calculated by interpolation as 8,300 (rounded to the nearest 100). To convert this to an RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate, which gives 8,300/192 000 = 4.3%. The SE for the number of children age 3 who used formal care only was calculated above as 6,100, which converted to an RSE is 6,100/94,700 = 6.4%. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is:

$$RSE = \sqrt{(6.4)^2 - (4.3)^2} = 4.7\%$$

giving a SE for the proportion (49.3%) of 2.3 percentage points (=49.3*0.047).

9 Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of children aged 3 who used formal care only out of those who used child care is between 47.0% and 51.6% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 44.7% to 53.9%.

DIFFERENCES

10 Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their SEs and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate SE of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

11 While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

STANDARD ERRORS

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF CHILD ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	STANDARD ERROR									RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.	Aust.
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	200	150	150	150	140	100	80	120	150	150.0
200	300	230	230	220	210	160	150	170	230	115.0
300	370	300	300	270	270	200	200	210	290	96.7
500	490	410	400	350	360	260	300	270	390	78.0
700	590	500	490	420	430	310	370	320	480	68.6
1,000	710	610	600	510	520	380	460	380	590	59.0
1,500	880	770	750	620	640	460	570	460	740	49.3
2,000	1 020	900	870	720	750	530	650	530	870	43.5
2,500	1 150	1 000	1 000	800	850	600	700	600	1 000	40.0
3,000	1 250	1 150	1 100	900	900	650	750	650	1 100	36.7
3,500	1 350	1 250	1 150	950	1 000	700	800	700	1 200	34.3
4,000	1 450	1 300	1 250	1 000	1 050	750	850	750	1 250	31.3
5,000	1 650	1 500	1 400	1 150	1 200	800	900	800	1 450	29.0
7,000	1 950	1 750	1 650	1 300	1 400	950	1 000	950	1 700	24.3
10,000	2 300	2 100	2 000	1 550	1 650	1 100	1 100	1 100	2 050	20.5
15,000	2 800	2 600	2 400	1 900	1 950	1 300	1 150	1 300	2 500	16.7
20,000	3 250	2 950	2 750	2 150	2 250	1 450	1 200	1 450	2 900	14.5
30,000	3 900	3 550	3 300	2 600	2 650	1 700	1 200	1 700	3 550	11.8
40,000	4 500	4 100	3 750	2 950	3 000	1 900	..	1 900	4 050	10.1
50,000	4 950	4 500	4 150	3 250	3 300	2 100	..	2 100	4 500	9.0
100,000	6 850	6 100	5 550	4 350	4 350	2 650	..	2 700	6 250	6.3
150,000	8 200	7 200	6 550	5 200	5 050	..	..	..	7 500	5.0
200,000	9 300	8 050	7 300	5 850	5 600	..	..	..	8 500	4.3
300,000	11 100	9 450	8 500	6 850	6 450	..	..	..	10 150	3.4
500,000	13 850	11 450	10 250	..	..	..	..	..	12 550	2.5
1,000,000	18 500	14 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 650	1.7
2,000,000	24 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 850	1.1
5,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 650	0.6
10,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

T2 STANDARD ERRORS OF FAMILY ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	STANDARD ERROR									RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.	Aust.
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	200	150	150	150	140	100	80	120	140	140.0
200	300	230	230	220	210	160	150	170	210	105.0
300	370	300	300	270	270	200	200	210	270	90.0
500	490	410	400	350	360	260	300	270	360	72.0
700	590	500	490	420	430	310	370	320	430	61.4
1,000	710	610	600	510	520	380	460	380	530	53.0
1,500	880	770	750	620	640	460	570	460	650	43.3
2,000	1 020	900	870	720	750	530	650	530	760	38.0
2,500	1 150	1 000	1 000	800	850	600	700	600	850	34.0
3,000	1 250	1 150	1 100	900	900	650	750	650	950	31.7
3,500	1 350	1 250	1 150	950	1 000	700	800	700	1 000	28.6
4,000	1 450	1 300	1 250	1 000	1 050	750	850	750	1 100	27.5
5,000	1 650	1 500	1 400	1 150	1 200	800	900	800	1 200	24.0
7,000	1 950	1 750	1 650	1 300	1 400	950	1 000	950	1 450	20.7
10,000	2 300	2 100	2 000	1 550	1 650	1 100	1 100	1 100	1 700	17.0
15,000	2 800	2 600	2 400	1 900	1 950	1 300	1 150	1 300	2 100	14.0
20,000	3 250	2 950	2 750	2 150	2 250	1 450	1 200	1 450	2 400	12.0
30,000	3 900	3 550	3 300	2 600	2 650	1 700	1 200	1 700	2 850	9.5
40,000	4 500	4 100	3 750	2 950	3 000	1 900	..	1 900	3 250	8.1
50,000	4 950	4 500	4 150	3 250	3 300	2 100	..	2 100	3 600	7.2
100,000	6 850	6 100	5 550	4 350	4 350	2 650	..	2 700	4 850	4.9
150,000	8 200	7 200	6 550	5 200	5 050	..	..	..	5 700	3.8
200,000	9 300	8 050	7 300	5 850	5 600	..	..	..	6 400	3.2
300,000	11 100	9 450	8 500	6 850	6 450	..	..	..	7 550	2.5
500,000	13 850	11 450	10 250	..	..	..	..	..	9 150	1.8
1,000,000	18 500	14 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 800	1.2
2,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 000	0.8
5,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

GLOSSARY

Additional formal care	Additional formal care required in the last four weeks for children already using formal care, and formal care required in the last four weeks for children who did not currently use any.
Approved care	Care provided in a service which has been approved to receive Child Care Benefit payments on the parents behalf. Most long day care, family day care, before and/or after school care, vacation and some in-home and occasional care providers are approved child care services.
Area of usual residence	State capital cities comprises the Statistical Divisions of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart. Note that Darwin and Canberra are excluded from this category. Balance of Australia comprises all areas outside the capital cities mentioned above, plus Canberra and Darwin.
Before and/or after school care program	A type of formal care available to school-aged children before and/or after school hours.
Brother/sister care	Informal care by the child's brothers or sisters, including step brothers or sisters.
Child care arrangements	Relates to those types of care described as formal and informal.
Child Care Benefit (CCB)	The Child Care Benefit, formerly Childcare Assistance and Childcare Rebate, is a payment to help families with their child care costs. It is funded by the Department of Family and Community Services and paid through the Family Assistance Office.
Children	All children under 12 years of age in scope for the survey.
Cost of care	Net amount paid by parents for a child to attend care. Where the CCB was claimed directly by the parents, the CCB amount in the reference week, is subtracted from the total cost, including no cost of care.
Family	Two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering; and who are usually resident in the same household. The basis of a family is formed by identifying the presence of a couple relationship, lone parent-child relationship or other blood relationship. Some households will, therefore, contain more than one family.
Family day care	A type of formal care offered in private homes by registered carers, available for a full day or part day to children of all ages.
Family type	Refers to one parent or couple families.
Father	The natural, adopted or step father of the child, or the male legal guardian of the child, or the spouse or de facto partner of the mother. The father must be resident in the same household as the child.
Formal care	Regulated care away from the child's home. The main types of formal care are before and/or after school care, long day care, family day care, occasional care and preschool. Total formal care comprises formal care only and combinations of formal and informal care.
Full-time/part-time workers	Full-time workers are employed persons who usually work 35 hours or more a week and others who, although they usually work less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week. Part-time workers are employed persons who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.
Grandparent care	Informal care by the child's grandmother or grandfather.
Hours of care	Number of hours a child attended child care in the reference week.
Hours worked	Number of hours actually worked by the child's parent(s) in the reference week.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Informal care	Non-regulated care, arranged by a child's parent/guardian, either in the child's home or elsewhere. It comprises care by (step) brothers or sisters, care by grandparents, care by other relatives (including a parent living elsewhere) and care by other (unrelated) people such as friends, neighbours, nannies or babysitters. It may be paid or unpaid. Total informal care comprises informal care only and combinations of informal and formal care.
Long day care centre	Regulated, centre-based care which is available to children between birth and school age for the full day or part day. Centres are usually open for most of the year.
Median	The value which divides the population into two equal parts, one falling below the value and one above.
Mother	The natural, adopted or step mother of the child, the female legal guardian of the child, or the spouse or de facto partner of the father. The mother must be resident in the same household as the child.
Occasional care	Regulated care which is generally available to children between birth and school age for short periods of time, for example to allow parents to shop, attend appointments, or to take brief breaks from parenting.
Other formal care	A type of formal care other than before and/or after school care, long day care, family day care, occasional care and preschool.
Other person care	Informal care by people who are not related to the child such as family friends, babysitters, nannies or neighbours.
Other relative care	Informal care by relatives of the child excluding (step) brothers and sisters, and grandparents. It includes care by the child's other parent living elsewhere, 'in-laws' who are not grandparents of the child and other relatives such as aunt, uncle or cousin .
Preschool	Educational and developmental programs for children in the year (or in some jurisdictions, two years) before they begin full-time primary education.
Reason used care/reason required additional formal care	<p>Respondents were asked to identify all reasons and the main reason.</p> <p>Work-related reasons include working, looking for work and studying/training for work.</p> <p>Personal reasons include study or training not related to work, shopping, entertainment, social or sporting activities, giving parents a break/time alone, caring for relatives, visiting doctor, or undertaking voluntary/community activities.</p> <p>Beneficial for child reasons include good for child and preparation for school.</p>
Registered care	Care provided by nannies, grandparents, relatives or friends who are registered with the Family Assistance Office. It can also include care provided by private preschools, kindergartens, some occasional care centres and some outside school hours care services.
Vacation care	A service provided to school children during the school holidays.
Weekly income of parents	In couple families, total income received from all sources by the couple. In one parent families, the total income from all sources of the lone parent.
Work arrangements	Arrangements, such as flexible working hours, permanent part-time work, shiftwork, job sharing or working at home, normally used by employed parents to assist them to care for their child(ren).

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