

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Description: A set of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle (ATSICPP) indicators were developed in response to Action 1.3 of the fourth action plan of the National Framework for Protecting Australia Children (NFPAC) (DSS 2018). Under Action 1.3, state, territory and Commonwealth community services ministers endorsed the development of a nationally consistent approach to measuring and reporting on the application of the five elements of the ATSICPP.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also Child protection NMDS 2016-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Superseded 21/01/2021
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	Supersedes The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 03/03/2021
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**Indicators linked to this
Indicator set:**

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 1.1 Indigenous children in out-of-home care living with relatives or kin, or other Indigenous carers](#)
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.1 Indigenous children in out-of-home care living with Indigenous relatives or kin, or other Indigenous carers](#)
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.2 Indigenous children in out-of-home care with cultural support plans](#)
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

Collection and usage attributes

**National reporting
arrangement:**

The data used for the ATSI CPP indicators are sourced from the 2016–17, 2017–18, 2018–19 and 2019–20 unit record snapshots of Child Protection National Minimum Data Set (CP NMDS), which includes child protection data submitted by all jurisdictions except New South Wales, and aggregate data in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare’s Child Protection Data Collection where unit record data was not available. Aggregate data were used for all indicators for New South Wales (where available) and for Indicators 1.1 and 2.1 for the Northern Territory.

All CP NMDS unit record data and aggregate data used for the ATSI CPP indicators are extracted as at 31 August for the previous two financial years from state and territory child protection department administrative systems. Data are extracted according to definitions and technical specifications agreed by departments and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Detailed Data Quality Statements for each snapshot of the CP NMDS can be found online:

- [2016–17](#)
- [2017–18](#)
- [2018–19](#)
- [2019–20](#)

Comments:

The ATSI CPP indicators are reported based on nationally agreed specifications and may not match state and territory figures published elsewhere. The key data quality issues relating to the ATSI CPP indicators are noted below:

- Data reported in the ATSI CPP indicators may not match historic out-of-home care data published previously or elsewhere because the indicators are reported for all years based on the new, nationally consistent definition for out-of-home care that was implemented for reporting in 2018–19. See *Child protection Australia 2018–19* (AIHW 2020a) for more information.
- Additional details on caveats relating to data in the CP NMDS can be found in the supplementary data tables and footnotes from [Child protection Australia reports](#).

Data were not available from all jurisdictions to support reporting of all of the ATSI CPP indicators for all years. An overview of data availability issues is provided in Table A1.

Table A1: Jurisdictions for which data were not available for ATSI CPP indicator reporting

Indicator		Jurisdiction and years data is not available
2.2	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 in out-of-home care at 30 June who have current documented and approved cultural support plans	New South Wales 2018 and 2019 South Australia 2017 to 2019 Australian Capital Territory 2017
2.3	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 in out-of-home care who were reunified during the year	New South Wales 2016–17 Queensland 2016–17 to 2018–19
2.4	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–16 who were reunified during the year and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months	New South Wales 2016–17 Queensland 2016–17 to 2017–18

Although some data items were unavailable for New South Wales at the time of publication, they have already commenced collecting some of the necessary data to evaluate the application of ATSI CPP. In addition, New South Wales is continuing to enhance their data systems to capture other necessary data, to enable reporting on the ATSI CPP indicators in the future.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: AIHW 2013. National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2009–2020: technical paper on operational definitions and data issues for key national indicators. Cat. no. CWS 44. Canberra: AIHW.

AIHW 2020a. Child protection Australia 2019–20. Child welfare series no. 72. Cat. no. CWS 74. Canberra: AIHW.

AIHW 2020b. National framework for protecting Australia’s children indicators. Cat. no. CWS 62. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 13 July 2020, <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/child-protection/nfpac>

COAG (Council of Australian Governments) 2009. National framework for protecting Australia’s children: implementing the first three-year action plan. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia. Viewed 16 June 2020, https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/nation_framework_protecting_children.pdf

