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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Indicator 1.1 Indigenous children in out-of-home care living with relatives or kin, or other Indigenous carers
METEOR identifier:	749970
Registration status:	Children and Families, Qualified 20/10/2021
Description:	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 in out-of-home care at 30 June who were living with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or non-indigenous relatives or kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers.
Indicator set:	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20 Children and Families, Qualified 20/10/2021
Data quality statement:	Child Protection National Minimum Dataset, 2019–20 Data Quality Statement AIHW Data Quality Statements, Standard 05/05/2021

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	0
Population group age to:	17 years
Computation description:	1. Each child is only counted once. 2. Only children in out-of-home care at 30 June are counted. 3. Age is calculated as at 30 June. 4. For the numerator, 'relatives' and 'kin' **includes both** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relatives or kin. 5. 'Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers' excludes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family group homes and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care. Children in these placements are included in the denominator and reported in data tables as being 'In another care arrangement'. 6. Children for whom the relationship of carer was not stated are included in the denominator.
Computation:	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)
Numerator:	The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17, in out-of-home care who were living with relatives, kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers or non-indigenous relatives at 30 June
Numerator data elements:	**Data Element / Data Set** Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY **Data Source** AIHW Child Protection Collection **NMDS / DSS** Child protection NMDS 2019–20

Data Element / Data Set

Service event—living arrangement type, child under care code N[N]

Data Source

AIHW Child Protection Collection

NMDS / DSS

Child protection NMDS 2019–20

Data Element / Data Set

Service event—living arrangement start date, DDMMYYYY

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Service event—living arrangement end date, DDMMYYYY

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Carer household—caregiver type, Indigenous child caregiver code N[N]

Data Source

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Child protection NMDS 2019–20

Data Element / Data Set

Order—order start date, DDMMYYYY

Data Source

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Order—order end date, DDMMYYYY

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Data Element / Data Set

Person—Indigenous status, code N

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Service event—financial payment indicator, out-of-home care code N[N]

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Order—order type, care and protection code N[N]

Data Source

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Denominator: The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17, in out-of-home care at 30 June.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY

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Service event—living arrangement start date, DDMMYYYY

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Service event—financial payment indicator, out-of-home care code N[N]

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Disaggregation:

2016–17 to 2019–20

By state and territory and by care giver type.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N

Data Source

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NMDS / DSS

Child protection NMDS 2019–20

Data Element / Data Set

Carer household—caregiver type, Indigenous child caregiver code N[N]

Data Source

AIHW Child Protection Collection

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Comments:

Identifying children in preferable placement with available data

This indicator is intended to measure the application of Placement element of the ATSICPP. A summary of how caregiver type data are used to identify children living in accordance with the placement hierarchy is presented in Table A2.

As shown in Table A2, children living in the second or third level of the placement hierarchy are recorded as being living with an 'other Indigenous caregiver'. This means that it is not currently possible to differentiate between children living in the second or third level of the placement hierarchy. It is, however, possible to identify the total number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in 'preferable' placements (that is, in the top 3 placement options; see Chapter 2 of the associated report), which is the focus of Indicator 1.1.

Table A2: Placement options in the placement hierarchy, corresponding caregiver type categories in the child protection data collection and corresponding category reported in data tables

Placement option		Category in caregiver type data	Category reported in data tables
1.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relatives or extended family members or non-Indigenous relatives or extended family members	Indigenous relatives or kin	Living with Indigenous relatives or kin
		Non-Indigenous relatives or kin	Living with non-Indigenous relatives or kin

2.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the child's community	Other Indigenous caregiver	Living with other Indigenous caregiver
3.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family-based carers	Other Indigenous caregiver	Living with other Indigenous caregiver
4.	Non-Indigenous carers or in a residential setting	Other non-Indigenous caregiver Indigenous residential care Non-Indigenous residential care Indigenous family group home Non-Indigenous family group home Independent living Other	In another care arrangement

Comparability of caregiver type disaggregations across jurisdictions

There are currently no nationally consistent guidelines on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kin are defined and/or recorded across states and territories. This may affect the comparability of disaggregations by caregiver type across jurisdictions depending on how jurisdictions define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kin.

For the Northern Territory, counts of children living with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or non-Indigenous relatives or kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander caregivers only include children for whom the process of making a placement decision was considered by caseworkers to be in accordance with the ATSICPP. This means there may have been a higher number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living with relatives, kin or other Indigenous caregivers than is counted in this indicator. All children who were not considered to be living in accordance with the ATSICPP are included in the 'in another care arrangement' category, regardless of who they were living with.

Comparability with similar reporting

The placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children by caregiver type are also reported in Child protection Australia 2019–20 Table S5.12 (AIHW 2020a), the Report on Government Services 2020 Table 16A.21 (Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision 2020) and NFPAC Indicator 5.2/NOOHCS Indicator 3.1 (AIHW 2020b). ATSICPP Indicator 1.1 differs from these reports in one or more of the following ways:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family group homes are not counted in the 'Other Indigenous caregiver' category. This is on the basis that residential care and family group homes are very low order placements in the ATSICPP placement hierarchy. Children in these placement types are counted in the 'in another care arrangement' category.
- Children in independent living arrangements are counted in the 'in another care arrangement' category.
- Children for whom caregiver type was not known are counted in totals.
- Only children who are in out-of-home care as per the national definition of out-of-home care are counted.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Proportion

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

AIHW Child Protection Collection

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: Fourth Action Plan under the *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020*

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: AIHW

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 1.1 Indigenous children in out-of-home care living with relatives or kin, or other Indigenous carers
Children and Families, Standard 03/03/2021

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Children and Families, Standard 17/08/2022

See also National Standards for Out-of-Home Care: Indicator 3.1–Placement of Indigenous children, 2018
Children and Families, Superseded 10/02/2021

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See also National Standards for Out-of-Home Care: Indicator 3.1–Placement of Indigenous children, 2020
Children and Families, Superseded 15/06/2022

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Children and Families, Superseded 15/06/2022

See also National Standards for Out-of-Home Care: Indicator 3.1–Placement of Indigenous children, 2022
Children and Families, Standard 15/06/2022

See also The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 2.1 Indigenous children in out-of-home care living with Indigenous relatives or kin, or other Indigenous carers
Children and Families, Standard 03/03/2021

See also 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
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