

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Indicator 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months
METEOR identifier:	749993
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Qualified 20/10/2021
Description:	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.
Indicator set:	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20 Children and Families , Qualified 20/10/2021
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:	16 years
Computation description:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Each child is only counted once.2. All children aged 0–16 who were reunified during the financial year are counted for this indicator.3. Age is calculated at time of reunification.4. A reunification is only counted if it is also an “exit” from care—that is, the child was not in care for at least 60 days following the reunification event.5. If a child has more than one reunification in the reporting period only the latest reunification is counted.6. Children returning to out-of-home care are children who begin a new episode of out-of-home care within 12 months of their reunification.7. The rate ratio for this indicator is calculated by dividing the proportion of Indigenous children who were reunified during the reporting period that did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months by the corresponding proportion for non-Indigenous children.8. As the Child protection NMDS 2016–17 does not include reunification data, reporting of this indicator for 2016–17 is based on data covering reunification events during the 2016–17 reporting period in the Child protection NMDS 2017–18.
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
Numerator:	The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–16 who were reunified during the reporting period and did not return to out-of-home care in 12 months or less.

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 start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service event—living arrangement end date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Child—reunification type, code N\[N\]](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Denominator:

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–16 who were reunified during the reporting period.

Denominator 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

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Child—reunification type, code N\[N\]](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Disaggregation:

2016–17 to 2019–20

By state and territory and:

- Indigenous status (and rate ratio)
- Whether or not a child returned to out-of-home care within 12 months

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code 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

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service event—living arrangement end date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

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NMDS / DSS

[Child protection NMDS 2019–20](#)

Comments:

Comparability with similar reporting

ATSICPP Indicator 2.4 is derived using the same methodology as the Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicator 1.6 (AIHW 2020a).

Other than the focus of ATSICPP Indicator 2.4 being Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children rather than all children, the other key differences between the indicators relate to which disaggregations are reported. ATSICPP Indicator 2.4 includes Indigenous status disaggregations and rate ratios in data tables. Permanency Indicator 1.6a reports additional disaggregations by age and time in out-of-home care.

For additional details and background on the method and development of this indicator, see Child protection Australia 2019–20 Appendixes B–G (AIHW 2020a).

Age

Only children aged less than 17 years were included in this indicator to allow for a full 12 months of follow up. This is because 12 months following the reunification for a child aged 17, that child would be aged 18 and no longer eligible for entry into out-of-home care.

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 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 03/03/2021

Has been superseded by [The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Qualified 04/07/2022