

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2020–21

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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 Australian government 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 – prevention, partnership, placement, participation and connection (AIHW 2021b) |

Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | Supersedes The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20 Children and Families , Qualified 20/10/2021 |
| | See also Child protection NMDS 2016-17 Children and Families , Superseded 21/01/2021 |
| | See also Child protection NMDS 2017-18 Children and Families , Superseded 20/01/2021 |
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| | See also Child protection NMDS 2021–22 Children and Families , Superseded 04/04/2024 |
| | See also Child protection NMDS 2022–23 Children and Families , Standard 04/04/2024 |

**Indicators linked to this
Indicator set:**

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.1 Indigenous children in out-of-home care living with relatives or kin, or other Indigenous carers](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 17/08/2022](#)

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 2.1 Indigenous children in out-of-home care living with Indigenous relatives or kin, or other Indigenous carers](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 17/08/2022](#)

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 2.2 Indigenous children in out-of-home care with cultural support plans](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 17/08/2022](#)

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 17/08/2022](#)

[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, Standard 17/08/2022](#)

Collection and usage attributes

**National reporting
arrangement:**

The data used for the ATSICPP indicators are sourced from the 2016–17, 2017–18, 2018–19, 2019–20 and 2020–21 unit record snapshots of the Child Protection National Minimum Data Set (CP NMDS), which includes child protection data submitted by all jurisdictions except New South Wales. Aggregate data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Child Protection Data Collection was provided where unit record data was not available. Aggregate data were used for all indicators for New South Wales (where available), for Indicators 1.1 and 2.1 for the Northern Territory and for Indicator 2.2 for South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory in selected report periods.

Data for the CP NMDS are extracted each year from the administrative systems of the state and territory departments responsible for the child protection in Australia. These data, along with any aggregate data, are provided after the end of each financial year. Data are extracted according to definitions and technical specifications agreed to by the departments and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Data extracted from the CP NMDS represent a 'snapshot' of the data at the time of extraction and may not include retrospective updates made to data held by the state/territory departments. Furthermore, data produced from the CP NMDS is based on nationally agreed specifications and may not match state and territory figures published elsewhere or be comparable with data for previous years

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

- [2016–17](#)
- [2017–18](#)
- [2018–19](#)
- [2019–20](#)
- [2020–21](#)

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 nationally consistent definition for out-of-home care that was implemented for reporting in 2018–19. See *Child protection Australia 2018–19* (AIHW 2020) 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 reporting periods. 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 | | Jurisdictions and reporting periods where data is not available |
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| 2.2 | The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 in out-of-home care at 30 June who have a current documented and approved cultural support plan | 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 reporting period | 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 reporting period and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months | New South Wales 2016–17 Queensland 2016–17 and 2017–18 |

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents:

AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) (2022a) [Child protection Australia 2020–21](#), AIHW, Australian Government, accessed 15 June 2022.

AIHW (2022b) [National framework for protecting Australia's children indicators](#), AIHW, Australian Government, accessed 15 June 2022.

AIHW (2021a) [Child protection Australia 2019–20](#), AIHW, Australian Government.

AIHW (2021b) [The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators](#), AIHW, Australian Government, accessed 16 June 2022.

AIHW (2020) [Child protection Australia 2018–19](#), AIHW, Australian Government.

DSS (Department of Social Services) (2018) [National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children – Fourth Three Year Action Plan 2018–2020](#), DSS website, accessed 16 June 2022.

SCRGSP (Steering Committee for the Review of Government Services Provision) (2022) [Report on Government Services 2022](#), Productivity Commission, Australian Government, accessed 29 March 2022.