

# **Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.2 children who were the subject of a substantiation and were not admitted to out-of-home care within 12 months of substantiation**

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Short name:</b>	Indicator 1.2 children who were the subject of a substantiation and were not admitted to out-of-home care within 12 months of substantiation
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	757336
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 18/04/2023
<b>Description:</b>	The proportion of children aged 0–16 who were the subject of a substantiation in the reporting period and were not admitted to out-of-home care within 12 months of substantiation.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21</a> <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 18/04/2023
<b>Data quality statement:</b>	<a href="#">Child Protection National Minimum Dataset, 2020–21 Data Quality Statement</a> <a href="#">AIHW Data Quality Statements</a> , Standard 15/06/2022

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Population group age from:</b>	0
<b>Population group age to:</b>	16 years
<b>Computation description:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Each child is only counted once. Only the first notification that resulted in a substantiation during the reporting period is counted.</li><li>2. Time-to-admission is calculated from the date of this substantiation, even if there was another substantiation that occurred earlier but which came from a different (and later) notification than the first notification.</li><li>3. An age limit of less than 17 at the time of substantiation was applied to allow for a 12-month follow up where the child is still eligible for entry to out-of-home care.</li><li>4. Children who were in out-of-home care at the time of the substantiation were excluded from both the numerator and denominator.</li><li>5. Children on third-party parental responsibility orders at the time of substantiation are not excluded, however, as under the national out-of-home care scope children on these orders are not considered to be in out-of-home care.</li></ol>
<b>Computation:</b>	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
<b>Numerator:</b>	The number of children aged 0–16 who were the subject of a substantiation in the reporting period and were not admitted to out-of-home care within 12 months of substantiation.

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Child protection NMDS 2020–21](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Child protection notification—notification date, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Child protection NMDS 2020–21](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Child protection notification—investigation status, code N\[N\]](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Child protection NMDS 2020–21](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Child protection notification—investigation conclusion date, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Child protection NMDS 2020–21](#)

**Denominator:**

The number of children aged 0–16 who were the subject of a substantiation in 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 2020–21](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Child protection notification—notification date, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Child protection NMDS 2020–21](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Child protection notification—investigation conclusion date, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

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**Disaggregation:**

- Whether the child was admitted to out-of-home care within 12 months of substantiation
- Indigenous status
- State or territory
- Reporting period (2017–18 to 2019–20)

**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 2020–21](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Child Protection Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Child protection NMDS 2020–21](#)

**Comments:**

This indicator serves as a proxy for preservation.

It should be noted that data for this indicator are not comparable across jurisdictions due to differences in the way jurisdictions collect and report data on notifications, investigations and substantiations. See Appendix A of [Child protection Australia 2020–21](#) for further details (AIHW 2022b). The interpretation of this indicator can be further complicated because preservation may not always be considered an ideal outcome for the child.

Although jurisdictions agreed that substantiation is the appropriate point at which to measure preservation, they also highlighted that there are other preservation methods not captured by this indicator. For example, departments can decide not to substantiate and instead keep a case open and work with the family.

Additional issues related to the use of this indicator as a measure of preservation include that:

- it offers no insight into the use and subsequent success rate of early intervention and family support services used by departments to support preservation
- it does not capture the fact that preservation is not always a safe outcome.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Percentage
<b>Data type:</b>	Real
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Person
<b>Format:</b>	N[NN].N

## 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 2018–20 under the *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020*

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

**Accountability:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare