

10. Detailed tables

These are referred to in the text as Table A1 to Table A27.

10.1 Finalised investigations and substantiations by age and sex of child

Table A1: Proportion of finalised investigations of child abuse and neglect that involved female children, by type of outcome and age of child, 1995–96

Age of child (years)	Physical	Emotional	Sexual	Neglect	Total substantiations	Child at risk ^(a)	No abuse or neglect	Finalised investigations
Percentage involving females ^(b)								
0–4	43	49	67	48	49	48	49	49
5–9	40	48	64	45	48	47	49	49
10–14	52	53	82	46	57	58	54	56
15–17	70	64	87	56	71	71	65	69
Total	48	51	74	47	53	51	51	52

(a) Only Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory had this category as an outcome of a finalised investigation in 1995–96.

(b) Percentage involving female children is calculated as a proportion of those finalised investigations where the sex of the child was known (excludes 259 where sex was unknown).

Table A2: Finalised investigations of child abuse and neglect by type of outcome and sex and age of child, 1995–96

Age of child (years)	Substantiations	Number			Finalised investigations
		Child at risk ^(a)	No abuse or neglect		
Males					
0–4	4,906	468	5,576		10,950
5–9	4,413	404	4,697		9,514
10–14	3,974	224	3,101		7,299
15–17	557	33	422		1,012
Unknown	158	24	457		639
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,008</i>	<i>1,153</i>	<i>14,253</i>		<i>29,414</i>
Females					
0–4	4,713	429	5,403		10,545
5–9	4,106	365	4,493		8,964
10–14	5,333	307	3,573		9,213
15–17	1,392	79	784		2,255
Unknown	194	37	502		733
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,738</i>	<i>1,217</i>	<i>14,755</i>		<i>31,710</i>
Total^(b)					
0–4	9,655	897	11,066		21,618
5–9	8,545	771	9,221		18,537
10–14	9,325	531	6,703		16,559
15–17	1,955	112	1,214		3,281
Unknown	353	61	974		1,388
Total	29,833	2,372	29,178		61,383
Percentage^(c)					
Males					
0–4	35	41	40		38
5–9	32	36	34		33
10–14	29	20	22		25
15–17	4	3	3		4
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>		<i>100</i>
Females					
0–4	30	36	38		34
5–9	26	31	32		29
10–14	34	26	25		30
15–17	9	7	6		7
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>		<i>100</i>
Total^(b)					
0–4	33	39	39		36
5–9	29	33	33		31
10–14	31	23	24		28
15–17	7	5	4		5
Total	100	100	100		100

(a) Only Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory had this category as an outcome of a finalised investigation in 1995–96.

(b) Includes finalised investigations where the sex of the child was unknown. As a result the number of finalised investigations involving males and females does not add to the total.

(c) Percentage distribution excludes those finalised investigations where the age of the child was unknown or not stated.

Table A3: Finalised investigations by type of outcome and sex and single year of age of child, 1995–96

Age of child	Substantiations			Child at risk ^(a)			No abuse or neglect			Finalised investigations		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
Months												
Under 2	302	251	556	17	12	29	184	180	367	503	443	952
2 to under 6	376	358	737	28	35	63	347	315	668	751	708	1,468
6 to under 12	529	528	1,062	60	48	108	519	456	983	1,108	1,032	2,153
Years												
1	846	811	1,661	100	72	172	963	933	1,919	1,909	1,816	3,752
2	946	861	1,811	93	80	173	1,205	1,122	2,341	2,244	2,063	4,325
3	932	943	1,884	96	93	189	1,187	1,226	2,429	2,215	2,262	4,502
4	975	961	1,944	74	89	163	1,171	1,171	2,359	2,220	2,221	4,466
5	957	840	1,806	107	88	195	1,092	1,040	2,142	2,156	1,968	4,143
6	927	814	1,745	79	75	154	1,031	1,018	2,058	2,037	1,907	3,957
7	844	815	1,663	81	74	156	932	867	1,805	1,857	1,756	3,624
8	858	842	1,705	75	67	142	809	825	1,636	1,742	1,734	3,483
9	827	795	1,626	62	61	124	833	743	1,580	1,722	1,599	3,330
10	858	763	1,624	54	60	114	736	720	1,459	1,648	1,543	3,197
11	739	792	1,537	45	57	102	621	634	1,266	1,405	1,483	2,905
12	785	962	1,750	39	61	100	661	597	1,263	1,485	1,620	3,113
13	872	1,267	2,144	55	51	106	557	737	1,300	1,484	2,055	3,550
14	720	1,549	2,270	31	78	109	526	885	1,415	1,277	2,512	3,794
15	427	1,043	1,475	21	64	85	307	544	857	755	1,651	2,417
16	116	281	398	10	13	23	91	187	280	217	481	701
17	14	68	82	2	2	4	24	53	77	40	123	163
Not stated	158	194	353	24	37	61	457	502	974	639	733	1,388
Total	14,008	15,738	29,833	1,153	1,217	2,372	14,253	14,755	29,178	29,414	31,710	61,383

(a) Only Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory had this category as an outcome of a finalised investigation in 1995–96.

Note: Person columns (P) include finalised investigations involving children whose sex was unknown or not stated. As a result the number of finalised investigations involving males and females does not add to the total.

Table A4: Substantiated notifications by type of abuse or neglect and sex and single year of age of child, 1995–96

Age of child	Physical			Emotional			Sexual			Neglect			Total		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
Months															
Under 2	79	58	137	128	112	243	2	1	3	93	80	173	302	251	556
2 to under 6	89	76	165	149	158	309	1	5	6	137	119	257	376	358	737
6 to under 12	129	111	241	188	192	383	9	9	18	203	216	420	529	528	1,062
Years															
1	209	168	378	309	301	612	20	10	30	308	332	641	846	811	1,661
2	234	167	401	338	329	669	27	72	99	347	293	642	946	861	1,811
3	222	191	414	330	296	631	82	197	279	298	259	560	932	943	1,884
4	254	162	418	327	335	665	110	217	328	284	247	533	975	961	1,944
5	299	167	470	285	270	558	130	200	331	243	203	447	957	840	1,806
6	254	191	447	315	256	573	128	172	300	230	195	425	927	814	1,745
7	273	189	463	246	261	509	98	177	275	227	188	416	844	815	1,663
8	302	191	494	247	263	513	102	211	313	207	177	385	858	842	1,705
9	266	207	474	244	202	447	93	205	299	224	181	406	827	795	1,626
10	285	202	488	271	206	478	86	219	306	216	136	352	858	763	1,624
11	305	215	524	193	176	370	67	263	330	174	138	313	739	792	1,537
12	297	261	558	254	254	510	75	300	376	159	147	306	785	962	1,750
13	360	412	772	267	339	610	57	356	414	188	160	348	872	1,267	2,144
14	260	530	790	237	401	639	58	430	488	165	188	353	720	1,549	2,270
15	173	379	554	119	244	364	51	307	359	84	113	198	427	1,043	1,475
16	39	117	156	42	42	84	15	101	117	20	21	41	116	281	398
17	6	19	25	5	10	15	1	36	37	2	3	5	14	68	82
Not stated	44	54	98	39	44	83	33	60	94	42	36	78	158	194	353
Total	4,379	4,067	8,467	4,533	4,691	9,265	1,245	3,548	4,802	3,851	3,432	7,299	14,008	15,738	29,833

Note: Person columns (P) include finalised investigations involving children whose sex was unknown or not stated. As a result the number of finalised investigations involving males and females does not add to the total.

Table A5: Substantiated notifications of child abuse and neglect by type of abuse and neglect and sex and age of child, 1995–96

Age of child (years)	Physical	Emotional	Sexual	Neglect	Total
Number					
Males					
0–4	1,216	1,769	251	1,670	4,906
5–9	1,394	1,337	551	1,131	4,413
10–14	1,507	1,222	343	902	3,974
15–17	218	166	67	106	557
Unknown	44	39	33	42	158
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,379</i>	<i>4,533</i>	<i>1,245</i>	<i>3,851</i>	<i>14,008</i>
Females					
0–4	933	1,723	511	1,546	4,713
5–9	945	1,252	965	944	4,106
10–14	1,620	1,376	1,568	769	5,333
15–17	515	296	444	137	1,392
Unknown	54	44	60	36	194
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,067</i>	<i>4,691</i>	<i>3,548</i>	<i>3,432</i>	<i>15,738</i>
Total^(a)					
0–4	2,154	3,512	763	3,226	9,655
5–9	2,348	2,600	1,518	2,079	8,545
10–14	3,132	2,607	1,914	1,672	9,325
15–17	735	463	513	244	1,955
Unknown	98	83	94	78	353
Total	8,467	9,265	4,802	7,299	29,833
Percentage^(b)					
Males					
0–4	28	39	21	44	35
5–9	32	30	45	30	32
10–14	35	27	28	24	29
15–17	5	4	6	3	4
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
Females					
0–4	23	37	15	46	30
5–9	24	27	28	28	26
10–14	40	30	45	23	34
15–17	13	6	13	4	9
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
Total^(a)					
0–4	26	38	16	45	33
5–9	28	28	32	29	29
10–14	37	28	41	23	31
15–17	9	5	11	3	7
Total	100	100	100	100	100

(a) Includes substantiated notifications where the sex of the child was unknown. As a result the number of substantiated notifications involving males and females does not add to the total.

(b) Percentage distribution excludes those substantiated notifications where the age of the child was unknown or not stated.

10.2 Change over time—substantiations and ‘child at risk’

Table A6: Substantiated notifications of child abuse and neglect, 1987–88 to 1995–96

	NSW	Vic ^(a)	Qld	WA ^(b)	SA	Tas ^(c)	ACT	NT	Total
1987–88	13,498	1,534	2,923	n.a.	1,008	290	275	332	n.a.
1988–89	10,112	2,445	3,377	739	1,326	336	297	184	18,816
1989–90	9,429	2,950	3,721	884	1,165	n.a.	n.a.	184	n.a.
1990–91	11,611	2,427	3,500	1,223	1,162	472	247	226	20,868
1991–92	12,645	2,146	3,027	1,380	1,048	598	295	232	21,371
1992–93	14,290	4,089	2,743	1,519	1,824	416	445	304	25,630
1993–94	15,128	5,253	3,127	1,830	2,077	424	495	377	28,711
1994–95	14,164	7,326	4,000	1,484	2,547	360	376	358	30,615
1995–96	14,063	6,663	4,662	1,095	2,415	235	445	255	29,833

- (a) Figures for Victoria prior to 1992–93 underestimate the number of substantiated notifications, as prior to that time the Victorian Police were involved in receiving notifications of child abuse and neglect and these were not included in the data.
- (b) ‘New Directions’ was phased in during 1995–96.
- (c) The relatively low number of substantiated notifications for Tasmania in 1995–96 is partly due to the absence of a common definition of ‘substantiated’ across regions during the counting period.

Table A7: Finalised investigations of child abuse and neglect with an outcome classified as either ‘substantiated’ or ‘child at risk’, 1987–88 to 1995–96

	NSW	Vic ^(a)	Qld	WA ^(b)	SA	Tas ^(c)	ACT	NT	Total
1987–88	13,498	2,018	4,768	n.a.	1,330	409	387	429	n.a.
1988–89	10,112	2,493	5,361	1,054	1,327	475	396	229	21,447
1989–90	9,429	2,950	5,831	1,294	1,165	n.a.	n.a.	236	n.a.
1990–91	11,611	2,427	5,726	1,638	1,162	695	366	286	23,911
1991–92	12,645	2,146	4,823	1,921	1,048	775	441	290	24,089
1992–93	14,290	4,089	4,281	2,246	1,824	524	552	367	28,173
1993–94	15,128	5,253	4,463	2,773	2,077	578	667	377	31,316
1994–95	14,164	7,326	5,875	2,167	2,547	516	458	358	33,411
1995–96	14,063	6,663	6,440	1,384	2,415	426	558	256	32,205

- (a) Figures for Victoria prior to 1992–93 underestimate the number of substantiated notifications, as prior to that time the Victorian Police were involved in receiving notifications of child abuse and neglect and these were not included in the data.
- (b) ‘New Directions’ was phased in during 1995–96.
- (c) The relatively low number of substantiated notifications for Tasmania in 1995–96 is partly due to the absence of a common definition of ‘substantiated’ across regions during the counting period.

Note: New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia do not assign outcomes of finalised investigations to the ‘child at risk’ category. The Northern Territory has not had a ‘child at risk’ category since 1993–94, although one outcome was coded to this in 1995–96.

10.3 Children who were the subject of notifications, finalised investigations and substantiations in 1995–96

Table A8: Children in finalised investigations by type of outcome and sex and single year of age of child, 1995–96

Age of child	Substantiations			Child at risk ^(a)			No abuse or neglect			Finalised investigations		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
Months												
Under 2	272	229	503	13	8	21	157	150	311	442	387	835
2 to under 6	322	303	628	18	21	39	276	241	525	616	565	1,192
6 to under 12	427	421	853	35	37	73	413	372	795	875	830	1,720
Years												
1	724	672	1,400	72	48	120	777	750	1,546	1,572	1,470	3,066
2	767	721	1,492	64	60	123	969	894	1,875	1,800	1,674	3,491
3	771	798	1,578	75	53	127	932	973	1,921	1,777	1,824	3,627
4	806	816	1,630	55	59	114	927	931	1,875	1,788	1,806	3,619
5	800	715	1,525	79	63	141	903	840	1,754	1,782	1,618	3,420
6	796	696	1,495	63	60	123	841	830	1,680	1,700	1,585	3,297
7	709	685	1,396	62	59	120	762	699	1,466	1,533	1,443	2,982
8	748	720	1,473	51	52	104	660	663	1,326	1,458	1,435	2,902
9	687	696	1,387	46	48	94	663	628	1,295	1,396	1,372	2,777
10	738	676	1,418	45	42	88	587	594	1,184	1,371	1,311	2,690
11	637	676	1,317	39	46	85	530	510	1,051	1,205	1,231	2,452
12	677	821	1,501	28	42	70	547	504	1,055	1,253	1,367	2,626
13	759	1,080	1,843	44	41	85	451	585	1,040	1,253	1,705	2,968
14	623	1,342	1,965	29	57	86	435	693	1,131	1,086	2,091	3,182
15	398	951	1,354	17	52	69	273	461	739	687	1,464	2,161
16	112	266	379	8	17	25	82	172	256	202	455	660
17	14	66	80	2	2	4	22	50	72	38	118	155
Not stated	156	185	342	15	24	39	432	480	931	603	689	1,312
Total	11,941	13,533	25,558	858	888	1,748	11,639	12,018	23,827	24,438	26,439	51,133

(a) Only Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory had the category 'child at risk' as an outcome for children who were the subject of a finalised investigation in 1995–96.

Notes

1. Person columns (P) include children whose sex was unknown or not stated. As a result the number of males and females does not add to the total.
2. Tasmania was unable to provide a breakdown by age and sex of children in finalised investigations. As a result the distribution of children by age and sex for Tasmania is an estimate based on the distribution of the outcome categories by age and sex of child involved.

Table A9: Children in substantiated notifications by type of abuse or neglect and sex and single year of age of child, 1995–96

Age of child	Physical			Emotional			Sexual			Neglect			Total		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
Months															
Under 2	77	56	133	114	105	221	2	1	3	79	67	146	272	229	503
2 to under 6	84	72	156	126	130	258	1	4	5	111	97	209	322	303	628
6 to under 12	116	96	213	159	158	320	9	7	16	143	160	304	427	421	853
Years															
1	184	152	337	260	250	512	19	10	29	261	260	522	724	672	1,400
2	196	149	345	278	265	545	26	68	94	267	239	508	767	721	1,492
3	188	169	358	264	244	513	73	181	254	246	205	453	771	798	1,578
4	214	141	357	264	280	547	103	202	306	225	193	420	806	816	1,630
5	256	148	409	238	219	460	125	190	316	181	158	340	800	715	1,525
6	228	167	396	255	217	474	117	161	278	196	151	347	796	696	1,495
7	236	166	403	202	215	417	92	165	257	179	139	319	709	685	1,396
8	279	166	446	216	211	430	95	200	295	158	143	302	748	720	1,473
9	235	184	420	197	174	372	81	193	275	174	146	321	687	696	1,387
10	252	187	441	230	174	405	84	202	287	172	113	285	738	676	1,418
11	271	181	455	162	142	305	65	245	310	139	108	248	637	676	1,317
12	267	230	497	210	217	429	67	268	336	133	106	239	677	821	1,501
13	315	349	664	235	283	522	54	329	384	155	119	274	759	1,080	1,843
14	236	458	694	201	332	534	49	399	447	137	153	290	623	1,342	1,965
15	154	344	500	113	215	329	51	290	342	80	102	183	398	951	1,354
16	37	108	145	38	39	77	17	98	116	20	21	41	112	266	379
17	6	17	23	5	9	14	1	37	38	2	3	5	14	66	80
Not stated	44	53	97	39	40	79	32	59	92	41	33	74	156	185	342
Total	3,875	3,593	7,489	3,806	3,918	7,762	1,163	3,306	4,478	3,098	2,715	5,829	11,941	13,533	25,558

Notes

1. Person columns (P) include children whose sex was unknown or not stated. As a result the number of males and females does not add to the total.
2. Tasmania was unable to provide a breakdown by age and sex of children in finalised investigations. As a result the distribution of children by age and sex for Tasmania is an estimate based on the distribution of the outcome categories by age and sex of child involved.

Table A10: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in finalised investigations by type of outcome and sex and single year of age of child, 1995–96

Age of child	Substantiations			Child at risk ^(a)			No abuse or neglect			Finalised investigations		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
Months												
Under 2	38	23	61	2	1	3	15	14	29	55	38	93
2 to under 6	40	32	72	2	6	8	22	19	41	64	57	121
6 to under 12	66	81	147	8	5	13	50	41	91	124	127	251
Years												
1	95	96	191	10	8	18	65	67	133	170	171	342
2	108	86	194	11	7	18	75	73	148	194	166	360
3	84	89	173	12	7	19	75	79	154	171	175	346
4	78	74	152	10	10	20	71	81	152	159	165	324
5	79	67	146	10	7	17	63	69	133	152	143	296
6	73	73	146	20	8	28	73	75	148	166	156	322
7	57	71	128	10	9	19	61	58	119	128	138	266
8	75	68	143	14	10	24	67	55	122	156	133	289
9	66	60	126	9	4	13	59	64	124	134	128	263
10	64	53	117	6	10	16	45	50	95	115	113	228
11	55	78	133	4	12	16	39	54	95	98	144	244
12	47	73	120	7	11	18	49	56	105	103	140	243
13	48	77	125	11	7	18	29	48	77	88	132	220
14	39	100	139	2	4	6	25	46	71	66	150	216
15	18	56	74	–	7	7	9	22	31	27	85	112
16	6	17	23	1	0	1	3	11	14	10	28	38
17	1	5	6	–	–	–	1	5	6	2	10	12
Not stated	16	17	33	1	1	2	19	34	52	36	52	87
Total	1,153	1,296	2,449	150	134	284	915	1,022	1,942	2,218	2,452	4,675
<i>Per cent of total children</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>

(a) Only Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory had the category 'child at risk' as an outcome for children who were the subject of a finalised investigation in 1995–96.

Notes

1. Person columns (P) include children whose sex was unknown or not stated. As a result the number of males and females does not add to the total.
2. Tasmania was unable to provide a breakdown by age and sex of children in finalised investigations. As a result the distribution of children by age and sex for Tasmania is an estimate based on the distribution of the outcome categories by age and sex of child involved.

Table A11: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in substantiated notifications by type of abuse or neglect and sex and single year of age of child, 1995–96

Age of child	Physical			Emotional			Sexual			Neglect			Total		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
Months															
Under 2	9	6	15	18	8	26	–	–	–	11	9	20	38	23	61
2 to under 6	5	5	10	12	15	27	–	–	–	23	12	35	40	32	72
6 to under 12	15	13	28	16	24	40	–	–	–	35	44	79	66	81	147
Years															
1	23	20	43	25	20	45	–	–	–	47	56	103	95	96	191
2	22	16	38	36	25	61	2	6	8	48	39	87	108	86	194
3	16	15	31	21	26	47	3	14	17	44	34	78	84	89	173
4	13	5	18	30	18	48	3	16	19	32	35	67	78	74	152
5	28	11	39	22	19	41	3	16	19	26	21	47	79	67	146
6	22	15	37	13	22	35	4	14	18	34	22	56	73	73	146
7	20	17	37	11	17	28	3	15	18	23	22	45	57	71	128
8	21	12	33	20	15	35	5	15	20	29	26	55	75	68	143
9	17	13	30	17	12	29	4	13	17	28	22	50	66	60	126
10	19	14	33	13	6	19	2	17	19	30	16	46	64	53	117
11	21	23	44	8	9	17	–	20	20	26	26	52	55	78	133
12	20	23	43	11	15	26	1	18	19	15	17	32	47	73	120
13	15	23	38	14	15	29	1	26	27	18	13	31	48	77	125
14	13	34	47	15	29	44	1	22	23	10	15	25	39	100	139
15	7	26	33	6	13	19	1	8	9	4	9	13	18	56	74
16	–	8	8	3	4	7	–	4	4	3	1	4	6	17	23
17	1	2	3	–	–	–	–	3	3	–	–	–	1	5	6
Not stated	1	2	3	7	4	11	1	3	4	7	8	15	16	17	33
Total	308	303	611	318	316	634	34	230	264	493	447	940	1,153	1,296	2,449
<i>Per cent of total children</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>

Notes

1. Person columns (P) include children whose sex was unknown or not stated. As a result the number of males and females does not add to the total.
2. Tasmania was unable to provide a breakdown by age and sex of children in finalised investigations. As a result the distribution of children by age and sex for Tasmania is an estimate based on the distribution of the outcome categories by age and sex of child involved.

10.4 Rates of abuse and neglect in the population

Table A12: Rates of children 0–16 years in substantiated notifications per 1,000 children, 1990–91 to 1995–96

	NSW	Vic ^(a)	Qld	WA ^(b)	SA	Tas ^(c)	ACT	NT	Total
1990–91	6.8	2.1	3.9	2.5	3.1	3.6	2.5	4.0	4.1
1991–92	6.9	1.9	3.2	2.7	2.9	4.3	3.2	4.4	4.1
1992–93	8.3	3.8	2.8	2.9	4.9	3.2	4.6	5.5	5.1
1993–94	8.7	4.8	3.1	3.7	5.4	3.0	5.6	6.5	5.7
1994–95	8.2	6.7	3.6	2.9	6.3	2.7	4.6	6.0	6.1
1995–96	8.1	6.0	4.0	2.2	6.0	1.8	4.9	4.4	5.8

- (a) Figures for Victoria prior to 1992–93 underestimate the rate of substantiated notifications per 1,000 children, as prior to that time the Victorian Police were involved in receiving notifications of child abuse and neglect and these were not included in the data.
- (b) 'New Directions' was phased in during 1995–96.
- (c) The relatively low rate for Tasmania in 1995–96 is partly due to the absence of a common definition of 'substantiated' across regions during the counting period.

Notes

1. Rates are calculated by dividing the number of children aged 0–16 years by the estimated resident population aged 0–16 years at 31 December of each year, multiplied by 1,000.
2. Children whose age was not stated are included with those aged 0–16 years as almost all would be aged 0–16 years.

Table A13: Children aged 0–16 years and rates of children in substantiated notifications per 1,000 children, by age of child, estimated resident population and type of abuse and neglect, 1995–96

Age of child (years)	Population ^(a)	Physical		Emotional		Sexual		Neglect		Total	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
0	259,348	502	1.9	799	3.1	24	0.1	659	2.5	1,984	7.6
1	257,112	337	1.3	512	2.0	29	0.1	522	2.0	1,400	5.4
2	258,037	345	1.3	545	2.1	94	0.4	508	2.0	1,492	5.8
3	258,463	358	1.4	513	2.0	254	1.0	453	1.8	1,578	6.1
4	260,646	357	1.4	547	2.1	306	1.2	420	1.6	1,630	6.3
5	262,556	409	1.6	460	1.8	316	1.2	340	1.3	1,525	5.8
6	259,734	396	1.5	474	1.8	278	1.1	347	1.3	1,495	5.8
7	256,987	403	1.6	417	1.6	257	1.0	319	1.2	1,396	5.4
8	255,994	446	1.7	430	1.7	295	1.2	302	1.2	1,473	5.8
9	257,206	420	1.6	372	1.4	275	1.1	321	1.2	1,387	5.4
10	259,713	441	1.7	405	1.6	287	1.1	285	1.1	1,418	5.5
11	259,882	455	1.8	305	1.2	310	1.2	248	1.0	1,317	5.1
12	259,782	497	1.9	429	1.7	336	1.3	239	0.9	1,501	5.8
13	258,588	664	2.6	522	2.0	384	1.5	274	1.1	1,843	7.1
14	257,205	694	2.7	534	2.1	447	1.7	290	1.1	1,965	7.6
15	253,806	500	2.0	329	1.3	342	1.3	183	0.7	1,354	5.3
16	251,208	145	0.6	77	0.3	116	0.5	41	0.2	379	1.5
Not stated ^(b)		97		79		92		74		342	
Total^(b)	4,386,263	7,466	1.7	7,748	1.8	4,440	1.0	5,824	1.3	25,478	5.8

(a) Estimated population at 31 December 1995. Includes an estimate for Jervis Bay but excludes Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

(b) Children whose age was not stated are included with total as most would be aged 0–16 years.

Note: Rates are calculated by dividing the number of children in substantiated cases by the estimated resident population aged 0–16 years at 31 December 1995, multiplied by 1,000.

Table A14: Rates of children in finalised investigations and substantiated notifications per 1,000 children, by State and Territory and age of child, 1995–96

Age of child	NSW	Vic ^(b)	Qld	WA ^(c)	SA	Tas ^(d)	ACT	NT	Total
Years	Finalised investigations								
0–4	15.8	14.2	12.9	6.6	14.9	6.1	14.1	8.7	13.6
5–9	14.1	11.6	11.1	5.9	15.4	6.0	13.3	9.0	11.9
10–14	13.1	11.5	9.4	4.7	12.7	4.0	8.8	9.2	10.7
15–16	6.2	7.1	4.6	2.2	6.2	4.0	3.5	3.6	5.6
Total^(a)	13.8	11.9	10.4	5.3	14.4	8.9	11.1	8.4	11.6
	Substantiations								
0–4	8.5	6.9	4.2	2.4	5.7	1.2	5.8	4.7	6.2
5–9	7.9	5.4	4.0	2.2	6.3	1.6	6.0	4.2	5.6
10–14	8.7	6.4	4.6	2.4	6.3	1.2	4.3	5.1	6.2
15–16	4.4	4.2	2.4	1.4	3.4	1.4	1.8	2.3	3.4
Total^(a)	8.1	6.0	4.0	2.2	6.0	1.8	4.9	4.4	5.8

(a) Total includes children whose age was not stated as most of these would be aged 0–16 years.

(b) Children in direct investigations only (that is, where face-to-face interviews were conducted).

(c) 'New Directions' was phased in during 1995–96.

(d) Tasmania was unable to provide a breakdown by age and sex of children in finalised investigations. As a result the distribution of children by age and sex for Tasmania is an estimate based on the distribution of the outcome categories by age and sex of child involved. The relatively low rate for Tasmania is partly due to the lack of a common of definition of 'substantiated' across regions during the counting period.

Note: Rates are calculated by dividing the number of children aged 0–16 years of age by the estimated resident population aged 0–16 years at 31 December of each year, multiplied by 1,000.

Table A15: Rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–16 years in notifications, finalised investigations and substantiated notifications of child abuse and neglect per 1,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, 1995–96

Type of abuse and neglect	NSW ^(a)	Vic	Qld	WA ^(b)	SA ^(c)	Tas ^(d)	ACT	NT	Total
Physical abuse	5.7	7.6	4.9	2.6	6.3	1.3	10.4	2.2	4.5
Emotional abuse	12.7	9.0	1.9	0.1	4.1	0.0	7.0	0.1	4.7
Sexual abuse	3.7	1.0	0.8	2.5	3.3	0.2	2.3	0.5	1.9
Neglect	8.1	14.4	7.5	4.1	11.0	1.1	27.9	2.7	6.9
<i>Substantiated abuse or neglect</i>	<i>30.1</i>	<i>32.0</i>	<i>15.1</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>18.0</i>
Child at risk	6.4	1.7	..	2.0	10.4	–	2.1
No abuse or neglect	18.3	29.1	12.7	10.8	26.4	7.0	26.7	4.1	14.3
<i>Total finalised investigations</i>	<i>48.3</i>	<i>61.1</i>	<i>34.2</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>84.7</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>34.4</i>
Notifications	55.1	89.9	42.4	27.5	61.8	27.1	104.5	10.0	42.3

(a) Includes children notified to the NSW DCS because of child concerns.

(b) 'New Directions' was phased in during 1995–96.

(c) Excludes children subject to substantiated notifications classified as 'threat of abuse'.

(d) Tasmania was unable to provide a breakdown by age and sex of children in finalised investigations. As a result the distribution of children by age and sex for Tasmania is an estimate based on the distribution of the outcome categories by age and sex of child involved. The relatively low rate for Tasmania is partly due to the lack of a common definition of 'substantiated' across regions during the counting period.

Notes

1. Rates are calculated by dividing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–16 years by the estimated resident population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–16 years at 31 December 1995, multiplied by 1,000.
2. Includes children whose age was unknown or not stated as almost all of these would be aged under 16 years of age.

Table A16: Rates of other children aged 0–16 years in notifications, finalised investigations and substantiated notifications of child abuse and neglect per 1,000 other children, 1995–96

Type of abuse and neglect	NSW ^(a)	Vic	Qld	WA ^(b)	SA ^(c)	Tas ^(d)	ACT	NT	Total
Physical abuse	1.9	1.6	1.5	0.7	2.1	0.8	1.5	1.8	1.6
Emotional abuse	2.7	2.1	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.4	1.7
Sexual abuse	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.6	1.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.0
Neglect	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.3	1.4	0.9	1.1
<i>Substantiated abuse or neglect</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>5.4</i>
Child at risk	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.3
No abuse or neglect	5.4	5.7	4.4	2.2	7.9	6.0	4.9	3.9	5.1
<i>Total finalised investigations</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>10.9</i>
Notifications	14.8	21.4	13.1	6.2	16.9	18.3	13.9	7.9	15.5

(a) Includes children notified to the NSW DCS because of child concerns.

(b) 'New Directions' was phased in during 1995–96.

(c) Excludes children subject to substantiated notifications classified as 'threat of abuse'.

(d) Tasmania was unable to provide a breakdown by age and sex of children in finalised investigations. As a result the distribution of children by age and sex for Tasmania is an estimate based on the distribution of the outcome categories by age and sex of child involved. The relatively low rate for Tasmania is partly due to the lack of a common definition of 'substantiated' across regions during the counting period.

Notes

1. Rates are calculated by dividing the number of other children aged 0–16 years of age by the estimated resident population of other children aged 0–16 years at 31 December 1995, multiplied by 1,000.
2. Includes children whose age was unknown or not stated as almost all of these would be aged under 16 years of age.

10.5 Source of notification

Table A17 : Finalised investigations of abuse and neglect by type of outcome and source of notification, 1995–96

Source of notification	Substantiations	Child at risk ^(a)		Finalised investigations
		No abuse or neglect	Number	
Subject child	897	116	434	1,447
Parent/guardian	3,977	376	3,966	8,319
Sibling	127	31	139	297
Other relative	2,055	285	3,128	5,468
Friend/neighbour	3,039	457	5,647	9,143
Medical practitioner	1,101	77	790	1,968
Other health worker	729	30	532	1,291
Hospital/health centre	1,494	91	934	2,519
Social worker	3,013	184	2,125	5,322
School personnel	4,385	183	3,694	8,262
Child care personnel	296	27	378	701
Police	5,174	195	2,864	8,233
Dept officer	758	51	619	1,428
Non-govt organisation	844	31	539	1,414
Anonymous	645	84	2,031	2,760
Maltreater ^(b)	54	6	11	71
Other	959	145	1,007	2,111
Not stated	286	3	340	629
Total	29,833	2,372	29,178	61,383
		Percentage		
Subject child	3	5	1	2
Parent/guardian	13	16	14	14
Sibling	–	1	–	–
Other relative	7	12	11	9
Friend/neighbour	10	19	19	15
Medical practitioner	4	3	3	3
Other health worker	2	1	2	2
Hospital/health centre	5	4	3	4
Social worker	10	8	7	9
School personnel	15	8	13	13
Child care personnel	1	1	1	1
Police	17	8	10	13
Dept. officer	3	2	2	2
Non-govt organisation	3	1	2	2
Anonymous	2	4	7	4
Maltreater ^(b)	–	–	–	–
Other	3	6	3	3
Not stated	1	–	1	1
Total	100	100	100	100

(a) Only Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory classified outcomes of finalised investigations to this category in 1995–96.

(b) Only Queensland data are included in this category.

Table A18: Substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect by type of abuse and neglect and source of notification, 1995–96

Source of notification	Physical	Emotional	Sexual	Neglect	Total
Number					
Subject child	432	223	130	112	897
Parent/guardian	1,252	1,268	908	549	3,977
Sibling	66	29	11	21	127
Other relative	462	747	178	668	2,055
Friend/neighbour	719	920	188	1,212	3,039
Medical practitioner	419	317	191	174	1,101
Other health worker	156	350	64	159	729
Hospital/health centre	368	577	276	273	1,494
Social worker	722	1,065	498	728	3,013
School personnel	1,904	781	1,082	618	4,385
Child care personnel	92	73	49	82	296
Police	1,028	1,734	865	1,547	5,174
Dept officer	188	231	109	230	758
Non-govt organisation	178	400	78	188	844
Anonymous	109	224	27	285	645
Maltreater ^(a)	27	18	–	9	54
Other	258	235	106	360	959
Not stated	87	73	42	84	286
Total	8,467	9,265	4,802	7,299	29,833
Percentage					
Subject child	5	2	3	2	3
Parent/guardian	15	14	19	8	13
Sibling	1	–	–	–	–
Other relative	5	8	4	9	7
Friend/neighbour	8	10	4	17	10
Medical practitioner	5	3	4	2	4
Other health worker	2	4	1	2	2
Hospital/health centre	4	6	6	4	5
Social worker	9	11	10	10	10
School personnel	22	8	23	8	15
Child care personnel	1	1	1	1	1
Police	12	19	18	21	17
Dept officer	2	2	2	3	3
Non-govt organisation	2	4	2	3	3
Anonymous	1	2	1	4	2
Maltreater ^(a)	–	–	–	–	–
Other	3	3	2	5	3
Not stated	1	1	1	1	1
Total	100	100	100	100	100

(a) Only Queensland data are included in this category.

Table A19: Distribution of substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect by type of abuse and neglect and source of notification, 1995–96

Source of notification	Physical	Emotional	Sexual	Neglect	Total
	Percentage				
Subject child	48	25	14	12	100
Parent/guardian	31	32	23	14	100
Sibling	52	23	9	17	100
Other relative	22	36	9	33	100
Friend/neighbour	24	30	6	40	100
Medical practitioner	38	29	17	16	100
Other health worker	21	48	9	22	100
Hospital/health centre	25	39	18	18	100
Social worker	24	35	17	24	100
School personnel	43	18	25	14	100
Child care personnel	31	25	17	28	100
Police	20	34	17	30	100
Dept officer	25	30	14	30	100
Non-govt organisation	21	47	9	22	100
Anonymous	17	35	4	44	100
Maltreater ^(a)	50	33	–	17	100
Other	27	25	11	36	100
Not stated	30	26	15	29	100
Total	28	31	16	24	100

(a) Only Queensland data are included in this category.

10.6 Type of family in which the child was residing

Table A20: Finalised investigations of abuse and neglect, for Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, by type of outcome, sex of child and the type of family in which the child was residing, 1995–96

Family type ^(a)	Substantiations ^(b)			Child at risk ^(c)			No abuse or neglect			Finalised investigations		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
Number												
Two parent—natural ^(d)	1,258	1,354	2,630	69	67	136	1,433	1,518	2,990	2,760	2,939	5,756
Two parent—other	643	742	1,394	51	46	97	665	691	1,378	1,359	1,479	2,869
Single parent—female	1,605	1,713	3,338	108	108	218	1,875	1,981	3,903	3,588	3,802	7,459
Single parent—male	232	255	491	25	14	39	310	331	650	567	600	1,180
Other	143	197	346	11	21	32	154	189	358	308	407	736
Not stated	184	225	429	6	5	11	178	172	367	368	402	807
Total	4,065	4,486	8,628	270	261	533	4,615	4,882	9,646	8,950	9,629	18,807
Percentage												
Two parent—natural ^(d)	31	30	30	26	26	26	31	31	31	31	31	31
Two parent—other	16	17	16	19	18	18	14	14	14	15	15	15
Single parent—female	39	38	39	40	41	41	41	41	40	40	39	40
Single parent—male	6	6	6	9	5	7	7	7	7	6	6	6
Other	4	4	4	4	8	6	3	4	4	3	4	4
Not stated	5	5	5	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

- (a) States and Territories vary as to when they record family of residence of the child. Victoria records family of residence at time of investigation; the Northern Territory and Tasmania at the time of abuse; others at time of notification.
- (b) The number of substantiations in this table does not match the number in Table A22 as Queensland is excluded from this table.
- (c) Only Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory classified outcomes from finalised investigations to this category in 1995–96.
- (d) Includes where both parents are natural or both parents are adoptive. For the Northern Territory this includes where a parent is a single adoptive parent.

Notes

1. New South Wales and South Australia were unable to provide data on family of residence. Queensland was unable to provide data on family of residence for finalised investigations resulting in no abuse or neglect. Data in the table exclude these three States.
2. Excludes 65 substantiations for Tasmania due to missing data.
3. Person columns (P) include substantiated notifications of children whose sex was unknown or not stated.

Table A21: Finalised investigations of abuse and neglect, for Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, by type of outcome and the type of family in which the child was residing, 1995–96

Family type ^(a)	Substantiations	Child at risk ^(b)		Finalised investigations
		No abuse or neglect	Percentage	
Two parent—natural ^(c)	46	2	52	100
Two parent—other	49	3	48	100
Single parent—female	45	3	52	100
Single parent—male	42	3	55	100
Other	47	4	49	100
Not stated	53	1	45	100
Total	46	3	51	100

(a) States and Territories vary as to when they record family of residence of the child. Victoria records family of residence at the time of investigation; the Northern Territory and Tasmania at the time of abuse; others at the time of notification.

(b) Only Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory classified outcomes from finalised investigations to this category in 1995–96.

(c) Includes where both parents are natural or both parents are adoptive. For the Northern Territory this includes where a parent is a single adoptive parent.

Notes

1. New South Wales and South Australia were unable to provide data on family of residence. Queensland was unable to provide data on family of residence for finalised investigations resulting in no abuse or neglect. Data in the table exclude these three States.
2. Excludes 65 substantiations for Tasmania due to missing data.

Table A22: Substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, for Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, by type of abuse and neglect, sex of child and the type of family in which the child was residing, 1995–96

Family type ^(a)	Physical			Emotional			Sexual			Neglect			Total ^(b)		
	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P
	Number														
Two parent—natural ^(c)	706	700	1,411	424	440	873	100	260	361	566	524	1,093	1,796	1,924	3,738
Two parent—other	579	485	1,067	298	323	625	76	284	361	310	309	620	1,263	1,401	2,673
Single parent—female	654	638	1,296	699	694	1,403	120	331	453	1,113	1,031	2,148	2,586	2,694	5,300
Single parent—male	146	107	254	86	96	184	15	49	65	141	120	261	388	372	764
Other	55	54	110	39	54	95	17	76	94	59	26	87	170	210	386
Not stated	13	18	35	137	143	290	17	44	63	17	20	41	184	225	429
Total	2,153	2,002	4,173	1,683	1,750	3,470	345	1,044	1,397	2,206	2,030	4,250	6,387	6,826	13,290
	Percentage														
Two parent—natural ^(c)	33	35	34	25	25	25	29	25	26	26	26	26	28	28	28
Two parent—other	27	24	26	18	18	18	22	27	26	14	15	15	20	21	20
Single parent—female	30	32	31	42	40	40	35	32	32	50	51	51	40	39	40
Single parent—male	7	5	6	5	5	5	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	6
Other	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	7	7	3	1	2	3	3	3
Not stated	1	1	1	8	8	8	5	4	5	1	1	1	3	3	3
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(a) States and Territories vary as to when they records family of residence of the child. Victoria records family of residence at time of investigation; the Northern Territory and Tasmania at time of abuse; others at time of notification.

(b) The number of substantiations in this table does not match the number in Table A20 as data for Queensland are excluded from Table A20 but included in this table.

(c) Includes where both parents are natural or both parents are adoptive. For the Northern Territory this includes where a parent is a single adoptive parent.

Notes

1. New South Wales and South Australia were unable to provide data on family of residence.
2. Excludes 65 substantiations for Tasmania due to missing data.
3. Person columns (P) include substantiated notifications of children whose sex was unknown or not stated.

Table A23: Substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, for Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, by type of abuse and neglect and the type of family in which the child was residing, 1995–96

Family type ^(a)	Physical	Emotional	Sexual	Neglect	Total
	Percentage				
Two parent—natural ^(b)	38	23	10	29	100
Two parent—other	40	23	14	23	100
Single parent—female	24	26	9	41	100
Single parent—male	33	24	9	34	100
Other	28	25	24	23	100
Not stated	8	68	15	10	100
Total	31	26	11	32	100

- (a) States and Territories vary as to when they record family of residence of the child. Victoria records family of residence at time of investigation; the Northern Territory and Tasmania at time of abuse; others at time of notification.
- (b) Includes where both parents are natural or both parents are adoptive. For the Northern Territory this includes where a parent is a single adoptive parent.

Notes

1. New South Wales and South Australia were unable to provide data on family of residence.
2. Excludes 65 substantiations for Tasmania due to missing data.

10.7 Injury and harm

Table A24: Primary actual abuse sustained by children in substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, New South Wales, 1995–96

Injury or harm sustained	Substantiations	
	Number	Percentage
Physical abuse		
Request for assistance by parent/child/caregiver	717	21
Significant bruising other than facial/head	404	12
Facial/head bruising	396	12
Threats to physically harm child	146	4
Lacerations/welts	102	3
Cuts/abrasions	37	1
Burns/scalds	37	1
Intentional/abusive administration of drugs and alcohol	29	1
Other fractures	27	1
Attempted strangulation	21	1
Child born drug dependant	17	–
Internal injuries/shaking	13	–
Intentional poisoning	9	–
Skull fracture	8	–
Dislocation/sprains/twisting	6	–
Attempted drowning	6	–
Attempted suffocation	5	–
Death of child (non-accidental)	3	–
Child with foetal alcohol syndrome at birth	1	–
Death of sibling (non-accidental)	1	–
Other physical	1,437	42
Total	3,422	100
Emotional abuse		
Emotional abuse due to exposure to domestic violence	1,287	24
Parent's alcohol/drug abuse leads to emotional harm	1,169	22
Parent's emotional state threatens child	1,097	20
Child's behaviour to self/others indicated abuse	530	10
Severe verbal abuse	277	5
Parent's psychological disorder leads to emotional harm	271	5
Continual rejection	69	1
Continual scapegoating	47	1
Social/physical isolation as punishment	38	1
Parent's developmental delay leads to emotional harm	36	1
Failure to thrive (non-organic)	25	–
Other emotional	542	10
Total	5,388	100

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Table A24 (continued): Primary actual abuse sustained by children in substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, New South Wales, 1995–96

Injury or harm sustained	Substantiations	
	Number	Percentage
Sexual abuse		
Sexual fondling	1,121	40
Vaginal/anal penetration	546	20
Oral sexual behaviour	208	7
Child's inappropriate sexual behaviour indicates abuse	123	4
Threat of sexual abuse	76	3
Genital exposure/voyeurism	68	2
Exposure to/used for pornography	43	2
Incidents of sexual behaviour by a stranger	42	2
Deliberate exposure to sexual behaviour of others	40	1
Other sexual	509	18
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,776</i>	<i>100</i>
Neglect		
Left without adequate supervision	1,225	49
No abuse	416	17
Failure to provide shelter	80	3
Failure to provide medical care	73	3
Failure to control access to poison, alcohol etc.	61	2
Failure to provide food	61	2
Failure to protect child's health	57	2
Failure to provide nursing/medical aid	8	–
Malnutrition	5	–
Failure to provide clothing	4	–
Other neglect	487	20
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,477</i>	<i>100</i>
Total substantiations	14,063	

Note: New South Wales data on substantiations include some child concerns.

Table A25: Most serious type of injury or harm sustained by children in substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, Victoria, 1995–96

Injury or harm sustained	Substantiations	
	Number	Percentage
Physical abuse		
Likelihood of significant physical harm	857	46
Kick/strike/punch/pull	489	26
Cuts/bruises/welts	249	13
Hit with object	167	9
Burns/scalding	21	1
Sprain/dislocation/bone fractures	16	1
Throwing or shaking	10	1
Bites	9	–
Suffocating, strangulation, drowning or attempted drowning	8	–
Tying/close confinement	7	–
Brain damage/skull fracture	6	–
Infections/disease	4	–
Haematoma	2	–
Internal injuries	2	–
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,847</i>	<i>100</i>
Emotional abuse		
Functioning affected by exposure to domestic violence/psychiatric illness	1,034	43
Substantial emotional trauma	967	40
Severe scapegoating or rejection	92	4
Severe verbal abuse	71	3
Severe social, physical and emotional isolation	13	1
Other	216	9
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,393</i>	<i>100</i>
Sexual abuse		
Likelihood of significant harm due to sexual abuse	443	69
Sexual molestation	140	22
Sexual penetration	37	6
Sexual harassment	13	2
Sexual exploitation	11	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>644</i>	<i>100</i>

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Table A25 (continued): Most serious type of injury or harm sustained by children in substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, Victoria, 1995–96

Injury or harm sustained	Substantiations	
	Number	Percentage
Neglect		
Failure to ensure safety	1,046	59
Environmental neglect	348	20
Parents dead or incapacitated	135	8
Abandonment/desertion	111	6
Medical neglect	45	3
Developmental delay	29	2
Failure to provide adequate food/fluid	27	2
Failure to thrive	17	1
Misuse of drugs, medical or surgical procedure	17	1
Failure to provide adequate clothing	2	–
Malnutrition	2	–
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,779</i>	<i>100</i>
Total substantiations	6,663	

Note: Categories of type of abuse or neglect are as provided by Victoria DHS.

Table A26: Most serious type of injury or harm sustained by children in substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, Queensland, 1995–96

Injury or harm sustained	Substantiations	
	Number	Percentage
Physical abuse		
Bruising	538	33
Cuts/abrasions	71	4
Alcohol/drug administration	16	1
Skull fractures	10	1
Other fractures	24	1
Burns	9	1
Internal injuries	9	1
Other	743	46
At risk	200	12
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,620</i>	<i>100</i>
Emotional abuse		
Severe verbal abuse	165	18
Scapegoating/rejection	157	18
Chronic emotional deprivation	16	2
Other	506	56
At risk	52	6
<i>Total</i>	<i>896</i>	<i>100</i>
Sexual abuse		
Penetration with violence and/or coercion	37	12
Penetration without violence and/or coercion	28	9
Other sexual contact	179	59
Other	38	13
At risk	19	6
<i>Total</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>100</i>
Neglect		
Left unattended	398	22
Neglect of physical needs	304	16
Inadequate living conditions	195	11
Abandoned	176	10
Neglect of health care	82	4
Neglect of education	63	3
Other	551	30
At risk	76	4
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,845</i>	<i>100</i>
Total substantiations	4,662	

Note: Categories of type of abuse or neglect are as provided by Queensland DFYCC.

Table A27: Most serious type of injury or harm sustained by children in substantiated notifications of abuse and neglect, Western Australia, 1995–96

Injury or harm sustained	Substantiations	
	Number	Percentage
No identifiable injury ^(a)	500	46
Cuts, bruises, welts, bites	221	20
Identifiable emotional trauma	194	18
Anal or vaginal trauma/disease	43	4
Impaired development	23	2
Scalds, burns, fractures	15	1
Avoidable illness	15	1
Poisoning	2	–
Fractured skull, brain damage	1	–
Other	81	7
Total substantiations	1,095	100

(a) No identifiable injury relates to substantiations where there is no evidence of abuse or neglect, but it has been stated that it has occurred.

Note: Categories of type of abuse or neglect are as provided by WA FCS.