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Preface

This is the third annual report of the SAAP National Data Collection. The first report, containing 1996–97 data, was published in December 1997. The annual reports provide information on people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. The data have come from the regular ongoing data collection and the annual collections on unmet demand and casual clients.

The data collection has been assisted by the productive and cooperative partnership between the SAAP National Data Collection Agency (NDCA), managed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, SAAP agencies and the SAAP Data and Research Advisory Committee, comprising government, community and expert representatives. Valuable support and encouragement to the data collection has been provided by the SAAP Coordination and Development Committee, which is responsible for the national direction of the SAAP program.

The partnership has been built on shared goals and mutual trust. The key has been the willingness of agencies to collect and provide data to the NDCA, knowing that any personal information provided by clients is protected by the strict confidentiality provisions of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act.

The fact that all agencies in the Northern Territory have provided data in 1998-99, and did so in 1997-98 is testimony to their collective commitment to and confidence in the collection. The proportion of SAAP clients who have consented to the provision of their personal data to the National Data Collection Agency has remained at 74% from 1997-98 through 1998-99

This large and complex project has both a high level of support and a high level of accuracy. We are confident that we can further improve the quality of the information provided to help policy makers and the community better understand and provide for the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of being so.

Under the direction of the Coordination and Development Committee, a SAAP National Research Program has been established to undertake and fund studies on homeless people and people at risk of homelessness, using data from the National Data Collection. Over time, the availability of time-series SAAP data will greatly improve the usefulness of the data. The publication of this third annual report and the release of 1998–99 data are one step towards this goal.

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Glossary

Accompanying child

A person aged under 18 years who receives *support* or *supported accommodation* from a SAAP agency and whose parent or guardian is a client of the same SAAP agency.

Agency

An organisation or establishment which receives a specified amount of SAAP funds to provide services.

Alpha code

A predetermined combination of letters from a client's name, together with a letter designating the client's gender. A *valid alpha code* is a legitimate alpha code joined to the client's reported year of birth and encrypted to create a unique client indicator. This is used to combine data from more than one *support period* without requiring the actual name of the client to be recorded.

Case

A *support period* provided to a SAAP *client*. The terms 'case' and 'support period' are used interchangeably in this report.

Casual client

A person who:

- receives assistance from a SAAP agency for less than one hour on a given day; and
- does not establish an *ongoing support relationship* with the SAAP agency.

A casual client may receive *one-off assistance* from a SAAP agency on one or more occasions.

Client

A person aged 18 years or older, or a person of any age not accompanied by a parent or guardian, who:

- receives support or assistance from a SAAP agency which entails generally one hour or more of a worker's time, either with that client directly or on behalf of that client, on a given day; or
- is accommodated by a SAAP agency; or
- enters into an ongoing support relationship with a SAAP agency.

DRAC

Data and Research Advisory Committee. DRAC is an advisory committee to the National SAAP Coordination and Development Committee.

DV

Domestic violence.

Homeless person

A person who does not have access to safe, secure and adequate housing. A person is considered not to have access to safe, secure and adequate housing if the only housing to which the person has access:

- damages, or is likely to damage, the person's health; or
- threatens the person's safety; or
- marginalises the person through failing to provide access to:
 - adequate personal amenities; or
 - the economic and social supports that a home normally affords; or
- places the person in circumstances which threaten or adversely affect the adequacy, safety, security and affordability of that housing; or
- has no security of tenure; that is, the person has no legal right to continued occupation of their home.

A person is also considered homeless if he or she is living in accommodation provided by a SAAP agency or some other form of emergency accommodation.

NDCA

National Data Collection Agency. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare performs the role of this agency under contract with the Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services.

NILF Occasion of support

See support period.

Not in the labour force.

One-off assistance

Assistance provided to a person who is not a *client*. It might include the provision of a meal, a shower, transport, money, clothing, telephone advice, information or a *referral*.

Ongoing support relationship

A relationship between a SAAP *agency* and a person whereby some assistance has been provided to that person and it is agreed that future contact will occur between the person and the agency for the purpose of providing additional assistance.

Future contact can be assumed if:

- a definite appointment has been made with the person to work through particular problems or issues; or
- an agreement has been reached with the person to work through particular problems or issues even if a specific appointment has not been made.

An invitation to return to the agency if the need arises does not constitute an ongoing support relationship. Rather, it should simply be seen as an offer to enter into a new *support period* or to provide assistance at some future time.

This definition is used to establish whether a person is considered a *client* for the purposes of the National Data Collection.

Record

A unit of analysis. In any particular situation, it may refer to a *client*, an *occasion of support*, an instance of *unmet demand*, a request for *one-off assistance*, etc.

Referral

For the purposes of the National Data Collection, a formal referral process—not simply the provision of information. A (formal) referral occurs when a SAAP *agency* contacts another agency and that agency accepts the person concerned for an appointment or interview. A referral has not been provided if the person is not accepted for an appointment or interview.

SAAP Support

Supported Accommodation Assistance Program.

Assistance, other than *supported accommodation*, provided to a *client* as part of an *ongoing support relationship* between a SAAP *agency* and the client. For the purposes of the National Data Collection, support also includes contact with, or work on behalf of, a client for generally more than one hour on a given day. Support may be provided to the client individually or in group sessions. A person whose request for support or supported accommodation is not met may receive *one-off assistance* but, by definition, cannot receive support.

Support period

An occasion of support provided to a SAAP *client*. A support period commences when a client begins to receive support from a SAAP *agency*. The support period is considered to finish when:

- the client ends the relationship with the agency; or
- the agency ends the relationship with the client.

If it is not clear whether the agency or the client has ended the relationship, the support period is assumed to have ended if no assistance has been provided to the client for a period of one month. In such a case, the date the support period ended is one month after the last contact with the client.

Supported accommodation

Accommodation paid for or provided directly by a SAAP *agency*. The accommodation may be provided at the agency, or may be purchased using SAAP funds—at a motel, for example.

Symbols

. .

When used in table, means not applicable.

When used in table, means nil or rounded to zero (including null cells).

Unmet demand

Unmet demand occurs when a person requests—but does not receive—support or supported accommodation. That is, the person wishes to become a client of a SAAP agency but is not accepted, or the person does not accept the agency's offer of support or supported accommodation.

Reasons for not meeting such requests for assistance may include:

- insufficient capacity at the agency;
- the person not being within the agency's target group;
- the agency not having appropriate facilities to cater for special needs; and
- the agency being unable to offer the specific services requested by the person.

A person whose request for support or supported accommodation cannot be fulfilled may be given *one-off assistance*, such as information or a *referral*. Such a person would be a *casual client*, but not a *client*, of the agency.

Young client (or young person)

A client aged under 25 years at the commencement of support.

Executive summary

This report presents the findings from the analysis of four components of the 1998–99 SAAP National Data Collection:

- the Client Collection, between 1 July 1998 and 30 June 1999, which consists of information about all clients receiving support through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP);
- the Administrative Data Collection, which consists of general information about SAAP agencies;
- the Unmet Demand Collection, which measures unmet demand for SAAP services (conducted 12-25 November 1998); and
- the Casual Client Collection, a special issue survey which elicits information about one-off assistance provided to homeless people (conducted 20 May–2 June 1999).

The report was prepared by the SAAP National Data Collection Agency at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has developed an adjustment scheme which allows for incomplete coverage in the Client Collection. It adjusts estimates to allow for agency non-participation, for client refusal to provide complete information for support periods, for clients who give valid consent for some support periods but not for others, and for clients who do not give consent in any of their periods of support. For the first time, the data provided in this report have been weighted to take account of these factors. The client support period data in this report are therefore not comparable to those published in previous annual reports. Chapter 7 provides comparable client and support period data for the three full years of the National Data Collection. Data from the other Collections have not been adjusted for incomplete coverage.

PART A: Current period analysis

SAAP agencies

Funding for the 31 SAAP agencies operating in the Northern Territory as at 30 June 1999 was provided jointly by the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments. In the 1998–99 financial year, the total recurrent allocation under SAAP in the Northern Territory was \$5,082,183.

Over three-quarters (77%) of agencies were located in the North region, and the remaining 23% were in the South region. The main models of service delivery were crisis or short-term accommodation (42%), medium- to long-term accommodation (29%) and agencies providing day support or outreach support (13%) (Table 2.1).

SAAP clients

Estimates based on data received from SAAP agencies indicate that approximately 3,250 clients were provided with support or supported accommodation through SAAP in the Northern Territory in 1998–99 (Table 3.1). This figure excludes accompanying children and relates only to those clients who received assistance of generally more than one hour's duration.

SAAP agencies provided support to more female clients (57%) than male clients (43%) (Table 3.1). Clients aged 15-19 years were the single largest age grouping, accounting for 20% of all clients. The average age of clients was 28 years for female clients, and 33 years for male clients.

The 1996 Census of Population and Housing (ABS 1998) indicates that Indigenous Australians make up 24% of the Northern Territory population, and people living in the Territory who were born in non-English-speaking countries constitute 8% of the total population. However, these proportions were somewhat different among SAAP clients in the Northern Territory: Indigenous Australians comprised 46% and people from non-English-speaking backgrounds comprised 4% (Table 3.2). People from other English-speaking backgrounds made up the remaining 51% of SAAP clients.

Of the 3,250 clients supported by SAAP agencies during 1998–99, 2,350 (72%) received supported accommodation (Table 3.3). The majority of accommodated clients (95%) received crisis or short-term accommodation and 7% received medium-to long-term accommodation.

SAAP support periods

Participating agencies reported 5,600 occasions of support in the Northern Territory in 1998–99 (Table 4.1). Agencies targeting women escaping domestic violence provided 30% of support periods followed by agencies targeting young people (27%) and single men's agencies (26%). There were variations between regions in service provision by target group.

The amount of assistance provided varies from day to day. For example, it is estimated on 15 August 1998 there were 350 support periods for clients, while on 15 June 1999 SAAP agencies were involved with 250 support periods (Table 4.2). These figures exclude accompanying children. The majority of SAAP clients (80%) did not have accompanying children when they received support or were accommodated by agencies (Table 4.5).

The proportion of support periods that were for Indigenous Australians or non-English-speaking backgrounds varied across regions (Table 4.6). For example, the percentage support periods that were for Indigenous Australians was as high as 69% in the Northern region, compared to only 35% in the Southern region.

Clients accessed services through self-referral or were told of services by family or friends in 62% of all support periods (Table 4.10). In 11% of cases, clients were referred to services by another SAAP agency or other non-government agencies.

Women gave domestic violence as the main reason for seeking assistance in 39% of cases (Table 4.11). Men most frequently reported financial difficulty (42%) and family or relationship breakdown (11%) as their main reasons for seeking help.

Clients in 41% of cases reported that the duration of their current period of homelessness was two weeks or less (Table 4.13). A further 10% were homeless for between four and 26 weeks and clients were at imminent risk of homelessness in 26% of cases. A significant proportion of support periods (12%) were provided to clients who had been homeless for over one year. This pattern varied across age groups.

In the majority of cases (78%), clients were receiving government payments before receiving support from SAAP agencies (Table 4.14). Many clients (in 13% of cases)

reported having no income immediately before receiving support. This figure was much higher for young people -81% of cases where clients were aged under 15 years and 31% of cases involving clients aged 15-19 years.

Clients in 11% of support periods reported being employed on either a full-time or part-time basis before receiving support, while an additional 4% were employed on a casual basis (Table 4.15). Clients in 43% of cases were not in the labour force before receiving support and 43% were unemployed and looking for work. Clients in 6% of cases were studying at primary or secondary school before support and 4% were studying at post–secondary level or engaged in employment training (Table 4.16).

Prior to receiving support at SAAP agencies, the main forms of accommodation for clients were in the private rental market (21% of support periods), public housing (18%) and SAAP or Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP) funded accommodation (15%) (Table 4.19). In 19% of cases, clients reported that they had no shelter at all and had been living in a car, tent, park, squat or on the streets before seeking assistance.

The most frequently reported needs of SAAP clients were for advice or information (reported in 74% of support periods), SAAP/CAP accommodation (74%) and meals (67%) (Table 4.22). Laundry or shower facilities and recreation were also often needed, reported in 65% and 52% of cases respectively. Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation was needed in 14% of cases and assistance to obtain independent housing in 17% of cases. This pattern varied across agency target groups and age groups (Tables 4.22 and 4.23).

SAAP services and unmet demand

Information was provided in more support periods (74%) than any other category of support (Table 5.1). Meals (67%) and laundry or shower facilities (65%) and were also provided in the majority of cases. Retrieval or storage of personal belongings (27%) was also common.

Almost two-thirds (62%) of support periods in Northern Territory were for a duration of seven days or less, with the largest proportion (33%) lasting between one and three days. There were relatively few support periods lasting longer than 13 weeks (5%) (Table 5.11).

Among support periods in which accommodation was provided by crisis or short-term accommodation agencies, 71% had accommodation periods of one week or less (Table 5.22). Conversely, two thirds (66%) of support periods in which accommodation was provided by medium- to long-term accommodation agencies involved accommodation periods of over four weeks.

When support services cannot be provided directly by a SAAP agency, clients may be referred to other (often more specialised) agencies. Across the State, at least 3,800 referrals were made on behalf of SAAP clients during the year (Table 5.23). More referrals were made for health or medical services (13%) and financial assistance/material aid (10%) than for other purposes. Agencies' referral patterns differed according to their service delivery model, target group and region (Tables 5.23-25). Referrals for each type of support may have been made on more than one occasion. However, in each support period, only one referral for each support type is enumerated in the National Data Collection; therefore, the total number of referrals may be higher.

The large majority (95%) of needs identified by existing SAAP clients were met either through direct provision or referral (Table 5.29). Some 84% of the 41,450 needs identified during the year were met by agencies directly providing services to clients. An additional 7% were met through referrals and 5% were met through a combination of direct services and referrals. Five percent of needs were not met. Proportionately, needs for specialist services (16%) were more frequently unmet.

Drug or alcohol support or rehabilitation constituted 5% of unmet requests, the highest of any support type (Table 5.30).

Among accompanying children, 91% of identified needs were met—66% of needs of children were met by agencies directly providing services; 16% were met through referrals; and 9% were met through a combination of direct services and referrals (Table 5.33).

The number of *valid* unmet requests recorded during the Unmet Demand Collection was 90. (See *unmet requests for support or accommodation* in Appendix 1 for a definition of valid requests). If this were replicated throughout the year, an estimated 2,290 unmet requests for support or supported accommodation would have occurred during 1998–99. It must be emphasised that this figure does not represent actual people, as a person can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. Research into estimates of unmet demand has shown that it is not valid to present *annual* estimates of the number of *people* who wanted to become SAAP clients but who could not. However, it is estimated that 90 people made valid, but unmet, requests for support or accommodation across the Northern Territory in the period 12-25 November 1998 (AIHW 2000:163) This was higher than the comparable figure in 1997 (50).

The majority of potential clients sought crisis or short-term accommodation (80%) (Table 5.37). A further 19% sought medium- to long-term accommodation and 2% requested support without accommodation. An equal number of male and female potential clients were unable to be supported (Table 5.39).

Analysis of the reasons why potential clients could not be supported is limited here to the first 'appropriate' request (that is, requests that were made at agencies with the relevant target group and service model, excluding those in which individuals refused an offer of assistance) made by each individual. Overall, the reason most frequently recorded by agencies for not meeting requests for assistance was that insufficient accommodation was available (78% of all unmet requests) (Table 5.42). Insufficient staff, facilities for cultural needs not available, and facilities for disability needs not available were each recorded as the main reason for non-assistance in 2% of cases.

It is important to note that people who do not receive the requested support or accommodation often receive some level of one-off assistance. It is estimated that over 8,900 instances of one-off assistance were provided to people making unsuccessful requests for ongoing support or accommodation in 1998–99 (Table 5.52). This one-off assistance was primarily in the form of information (75%) and emotional support (38%). In a small proportion of cases (16%) recorded during the Unmet Demand Collection period, the people seeking support or accommodation received no assistance at all.

In addition to the level of one-off assistance provided to people seeking ongoing support or accommodation, it is estimated that over 11,700 instances of one-off assistance were provided in 1998–99 to over 5,600 families or individuals who did not seek to become SAAP clients (Table 5.57). Information was the most common form of one-off assistance provided—in 58% of cases. Financial/material aid (41%) and emotional support (39%) were other frequently provided forms of one-off assistance. Patterns in the provision of one-off assistance differed across regions and variations were also evident according to agencies' target group and service delivery model (Tables 5.64–5.66).

Circumstances of SAAP clients after support

SAAP clients in the Northern Territory who did not have an income previously had obtained one by the end of their support period in 3% of cases, and clients in 9% of cases had no income both before and after receiving support (Table 6.1). An

improvement in income status over the support period was more likely to occur when the support period was longer (Table 6.7).

At the conclusion of 78% of support periods, clients were living in housing that could be characterised as 'independent' (Table 6.9). (See Appendix 1 for details of how independent and dependent housing have been defined.) In comparison, clients had been living in independent housing before support in 61% of all support periods (see Chapter 4—Table 4.19). After receiving support, clients in 27% of cases lived in private rental accommodation and in public housing in 25% of cases. In 22% of cases, clients were not living in independent housing, including 8% of support periods in which clients were housed in SAAP accommodation. Housing outcomes varied between the two regions and also according to the service delivery model and target group of different agencies (Tables 6.9–6.11) Variations also occurred across cultural groups (Table 6.14).

Following 3% of support periods, previously unemployed clients had obtained full-time or part-time work and, in an additional 3% of cases, clients were working on a casual basis (Table 6.17). The proportion of cases in which clients found work varied across regions and also according to agencies' service delivery model and target group (Tables 6.17–6.19). Only a small minority of support periods involved clients who were students or trainees prior to receiving assistance (see chapter 4). Of clients who were students before receiving support, 62% were still studying immediately after receiving support (Table 6.25).

Clients who were not students before receiving support undertook studies or employment training after receiving assistance in 1% of cases (Table 6.32). The comparable figure was higher for clients aged 15-19 years (2%) (Table 6.35). Clients who were not students before support undertook studies or employment training in a higher proportion of cases where support was provided for longer periods (Table 6.38).

PART B: Longitudinal analysis

Client re-entry into SAAP

The majority of clients (57%) accessed the program only once; 19% were supported on two separate occasions; 10% received three support periods; and just 6% of clients returned to SAAP at least six times during the year (Table 7.5).

Comparison of reporting periods

Three financial years are compared—1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99. To facilitate making comparisons, data for each of these periods have been adjusted to account for agency non-participation and client non-consent. In the Northern Territory agency participation increased from 93% in 1996–97 to 100% in 1997-98 and remained at full participation for 1998–99 (Table 7.7). The proportion of forms returned with consent and a valid alpha code rose from 57% in 1996–97 to 66% in 1997–98 and up to 74% in 1998–99.

During the 1998–99 financial year 5,600 support periods were provided, slightly more than the 5,500 estimated for the previous financial year and more again than the 4,850 support periods for 1996–97 (Table 7.8). The number of clients provided with assistance in the three years showed a similar pattern, rising from 2,550 in 1996–97 to 3,050 in 1997–98, and to 3,300 in 1998–99. The number of accompanying children visits rose from 1,850 in 1996–97 to 2,350 in 1997–98, decreasing in 1998–99 to 2,200 (Table 7.12).

There was some variation in the demographic characteristics of the client population and service usage patterns between 1996–97 and 1998–99. One of the more significant was a shift in duration of support from short to longer support periods. Support periods that lasted less than 4 days decreased from 56% of support periods in the first year to 48% in the third, while support periods of between 1 and 4 weeks accounted for 14% of support periods in 1996–97 but 22% in 1998–99 (Table 7.13).

Across the three periods there was a considerable increase in the proportion of support periods in which a support plan was in place—up from 29% of support periods in 1996–97 to 68% in 1998–99 (Table 7.16).

For the Northern Territory, the estimated numbers of people who made unsuccessful requests for SAAP support or accommodation during the two-week Unmet Demand Collection rose between the 1997 and 1998 surveys—50 in the period 13–26 November 1997 compared with 90 in the period 12–25 November 1998.

1 Introduction

1.1 The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) was established in 1985 to consolidate a number of Commonwealth, State and Territory government programs assisting people who are homeless, including women and children escaping domestic violence.

The current program, governed by the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Act* 1994, specifies that the overall aim of SAAP is to provide transitional supported accommodation and related support services to help homeless people achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence.

Some 1,206 non-government, community or local government organisations were funded nationally under the program in 1998-99, 31 of them in the Northern Territory (Table 2.5). Organisations providing SAAP services range from small stand-alone agencies with single outlets to larger auspice bodies with multiple outlets. They provide accommodation and support services to a range of groups: families, single men, single women, young people, and women and children escaping domestic violence.

1.2 Background to the SAAP National Data Collection

A range of data collection practices had existed at the Commonwealth and State and Territory levels before the National Data Collection was developed. The 1993 national evaluation of SAAP highlighted the need for more effective data collection, analysis and reporting to assist in achieving the aims of the program. The evaluation report *Moving Forward* (Lindsay 1993) strongly recommended a new approach to data collection.

Following the evaluation, a senior officials group representing the Commonwealth, State and Territory departments with administrative responsibility for the program was established to develop strategic directions for the period of the new SAAP Agreement. This group, known as the SAAP National Coordination and Development Committee, also emphasised the need for better data to inform policy, planning and service delivery.

A Data and Research Advisory Committee (DRAC) was established as a sub-committee of the Coordination and Development Committee and was asked to develop a comprehensive information strategy for SAAP. The DRAC met for the first time in mid-1994 and comprised members from Commonwealth, State and Territory departments, representatives of community sector organisations and two advisers with expertise in data collection and research. The committee developed a core set of data items for SAAP. In November–December 1994, an initial feasibility study or pilot of the

This figure represents agencies funded for some part of the reporting period and may not be consistent with the number of agencies funded at the end of the financial year (see Chapter 2).

National Data Collection was conducted, involving some 15% of SAAP agencies across Australia.

Following the pilot, further development work was undertaken. In July 1995, expressions of interest were sought from organisations willing to undertake the role of the SAAP National Data Collection Agency (NDCA) for three years. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's tender was accepted and the Institute commenced work on the project in September 1995. This is the third full year in which the National Data Collection has been conducted.

1.3 SAAP National Data Collection

The National Data Collection consists of distinct components, each of which can be thought of as separate collections. Currently, five components exist: the Client Collection; the Administrative Data Collection; the Unmet Demand Collection; the Casual Client Collection; and Special Issue Collections.

The Client Collection is the main component. It consists of information about all clients receiving support under SAAP of more than one hour's duration. Data are collected by service providers during, or immediately following, contact with clients and are then forwarded to the NDCA after clients' support periods have ended (that is, when a client leaves an accommodation agency or when an occasion of support has ended), and at the end of the reporting period (30 June and 31 December) for ongoing clients. Data collected include basic socio-demographic information and the services required by and provided to each client. The collection enables an examination of client outcomes by eliciting information about each client's situation before and after receiving SAAP services. A full-scale trial of the Client Collection involving all agencies across Australia commenced in March 1996 and the collection proper began on 1 July 1996. The collection has continued, with some refinements to the data items introduced in July each year.

The Administrative Data Collection consists of general information about the agencies providing accommodation and support services to people who are homeless. Information on the 31 agencies located in the Northern Territory is provided to the NDCA by Territory Health Services.

The Unmet Demand Collection operates over a two-week period, once a year. It measures the level of unmet demand for SAAP services by collecting information about the number of requests for support or accommodation at SAAP agencies that are not provided, for whatever reason.

The two-week Casual Client Collection is conducted annually in May–June to elicit information about short-term or one-off assistance provided to homeless people.

There is also provision in the National Data Collection for a limited number of special issues surveys. These are conducted to obtain information on a particular matter for a limited period of time and are an adjunct to the Client Collection. The Casual Client Collection was the first of these surveys. The second, the Accompanying Children in SAAP Collection, was conducted in May–June 1998 and is the subject of a separate report to be released mid-2000. A third collection on SAAP clients with no, or very little income, has recently being developed. It will be conducted in May and June 2000.

1.4 Participation in the National Data Collection

To ensure that data collected accurately reflect the work conducted under the auspices of the program, it is important that a high level of participation of funded agencies in the National Data Collection is obtained.

Client Collection

Overall, the participation rate for the Client Collection has been very satisfactory. Not all agencies are 'in scope' of the Client Collection—some provide one-off or casual assistance only and so do not complete client forms. Others are funded to support and assist the functions of other SAAP agencies. They do not provide services directly to homeless people. There was one 'out of scope' agency in the Northern Territory during 1998–99. For the second year in a row all of the remaining 30 agencies returned client forms during the 1998–99 reporting period (Table 1.1 and Table 7.7).

As all 'in-scope' agencies participated in the collection, the participation rate does not vary by region (see Appendix 1 for an explanation of regions used in the report), primary target group or service delivery model (Table 1.1).

In assessing the quality of data in any collection, it is important to consider not only overall participation rates but also the degree to which data collection forms returned are complete. All data collections and surveys invariably have some missing data—this does not necessarily undermine the validity or reliability of information obtained, however, high levels of non-response to particular questions mean that some caution should be taken when interpreting data, because results may not fully reflect the entire population.

In this context it should be noted that the protocols established for the National Data Collection require that 'SAAP clients provide information in a climate of informed consent...' (SAAP Data and Research Resource Folder, July 1996). If clients' consent is not obtained, only a limited number of questions may be completed on data collection forms, and an 'alpha code' is not recorded. Alpha codes are used to create a linkage key, which allows data collected on separate occasions from the same client to be combined without identifying the clients. Thus alpha codes allow enumeration of actual clients in addition to occasions of support.

Across the Territory, consent was obtained from clients in 85% of support periods (Table 1.1). Consent rates were slightly higher in the South region (87%) than in the North region (83%). They also varied according to agencies' target group. While consent was obtained in 95% of cases at single men's agencies it was only obtained in 77% of occasions of support at agencies targeting women escaping domestic violence. Perhaps not surprisingly, the consent rate at day support and outreach agencies was relatively low (72%) compared with other service delivery models. Medium- to long-term accommodation agencies for example had a consent rate of 90%.

Importantly, while consent was obtained in 85% of support periods, both consent and a valid alpha code were given in only 74% (Table 1.1). This difference was particularly marked in agencies targeting women escaping domestic violence: 77% of support periods in these agencies had consent while only 46% had both consent and a valid alpha code, or valid consent.

Adjusting for non-participation and non-consent in the Client Collection

The simplest way of adjusting for non-participation and non-consent is to scale up estimates at the total level. This assumes that, on average, the demographic characteristics and circumstances of people are the same irrespective of whether or not consent was obtained in a support period. This was the adjustment technique adopted for estimating the total number of clients in previous series of this report. There may, however, be some differences between the profiles of support periods with and without consent. Consequently, distributions based only on support periods with consent may be different to those that would have been obtained if consent had been provided in 100% of cases (see Appendix 2). The varying consent rates by primary target group and service delivery model (see Table 1.1) suggest that there are differences between support periods with and without consent. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has therefore developed an adjustment scheme, which allows for differences between support periods with consent and those without. It also

adjusts estimates to allow for agency non-participation, for clients who give valid consent for some support periods but not for others (referred to as mixed consent), and for clients who do not give consent in any of their periods of support. The scheme is outlined below.

There is no strictly objective method that can be applied to the data from the Client Collection to adjust estimates for incomplete response. Karmel (1999:22, 25) describes the statistical assumptions underlying the adjustment scheme developed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. It has the following features.

- The collection is divided into specified groups, or strata. Within these strata it is
 assumed that support periods with valid consent (that is, with consent and a
 valid alpha code), represent support periods without valid consent. This means
 that the characteristics of support periods within each stratum are assumed not to
 depend on whether or not valid consent was obtained. These strata are defined in
 terms of characteristics available for all support periods in participating agencies.
- Within each State and Territory, it is assumed that, on average, participating and non-participating agencies provide a similar volume and profile of support.
- Some clients have mixed consent. Assumptions about the extent and nature of
 mixed consent are made to estimate the number of clients and the average
 number of support periods per client. Adjustments are made for clients with
 mixed consent within sub-groups.² They are derived using simulation techniques
 and by-product data from the Client Collection.
- For support periods two weights for adjusting estimates are derived:
 - > a *non-participation weight*. A range of information is available for all support periods in participating agencies. Estimates using these data are adjusted only for agency non-participation.
 - a full non-participation non-consent weight. For estimates using data that require consent, weights that adjust for both agency non-participation and client nonconsent are used.

It is possible for these two weighting schemes to give slightly different estimates for the same item. Since estimates derived using the non-participation weights are based on a much larger sample of support periods than those using the full non-participation non-consent weights, the former (where available) are preferred because of their greater accuracy.

- For clients, only one weight is derived since valid consent is required to derive these estimates.
- A non-participation weight is derived for each support period in participating agencies, and a full non-participation non-consent weight is derived for each support period with valid consent. A client weight is derived for each client with at least one support period with valid consent. Estimates of totals are then found by summing the relevant weights for each support period or client with the characteristics of interest.
- In estimates of numbers of clients, inaccuracies caused by identical linkage keys
 for a small number of clients and changing linkage key information for the same
 client are not considered in the adjustment scheme.

Table 7.8 in this report provides estimates of clients and support periods derived from this new adjustment methodology for the three full years the collection has been

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The method used to adjust for mixed client consent was refined for 1998–99. For 1998–99, as described in Karmel 1999, the number of support periods without consent that were for clients who consented at some stage is derived within fine sub-groups. However, the number of clients with mixed consent to whom these support periods related, is derived by gender only. Estimates for 1996–97 and 1997–98 in Chapter 7 are based on the procedures presented in Karmel 1999.

conducted. To allow comparisons with previously published data, the estimates given in the 1996–97 and 1997–98 reports are also given.

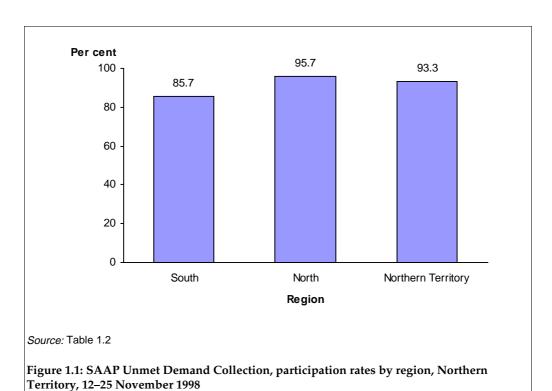
Elsewhere in this report, all Territory-wide estimates obtained using data from the Client Collection have been adjusted using the scheme outlined above. However, the weights are not applicable to regional data. Consequently all regional estimates are still unweighted, that is they have not been adjusted for either agency non-participation or client non-consent. Notes to the tables indicate which weights have been used; that is whether a non-participation weight, a full non-participation non-consent weight, or no weight has been used. Methods for adjusting the other collections in the National Data Collection for non-response have not yet been developed, so unadjusted figures are presented.

High volume agencies

It should also be noted that at 30 June 1999 one participating SAAP agency was classified as a solely 'high-volume' agency. This agency, characterised by having a high client turnover, completed a data collection form designed specifically for its use. It contained only a subset of Client Collection data items. There were 801 high-volume forms returned during the reporting period. These records are excluded from tables which present data items not included on the high-volume form.

Unmet Demand Collection

The participation rate for the Unmet Demand Collection was lower than the rate for the Client Collection—across the Territory, 93% of agencies returned forms following the two-week collection period, 12–25 November 1998 (Figure 1.1). This was an improvement on the previous year, when the rate was 87%. The South region had 86% participation while 96% of agencies in the North region participated in this collection.



Although participation rates also varied across target groups (ranging from 80% to 100%) and service delivery models (ranging from 67% to 100%), the numbers of

agencies on which these percentages are based are too small to consider these differences significant (Table 1.2).

It is not known whether agencies that did not participate received requests they could not meet. Consequently, it is possible that findings from this collection may understate the true extent of unmet demand.

Casual Client Collection

The participation rate for the Casual Client Collection was reasonably high—for the Territory as a whole, 80% of agencies returned casual client forms following the two-week collection period 20 May to 2 June 1999 (Table 1.3). This was the same as the participation rate for the previous year. Again, although participation rates also varied across target groups and service delivery models, the numbers of agencies on which these percentages are based are too small to consider these differences significant (Table 1.3).

1.5 Interpretation of analyses

As well as noting the above discussion about participation rates, accurate interpretation of the analyses presented here requires an understanding of the particular concepts and terms used in the National Data Collection.

To assist the reader, a glossary of terms has been included at the beginning of this report. In addition, readers are encouraged to consult the NDCA data interpretation manual and the NDCA collectors' manual—both contain important information that can aid in the use and interpretation of the data presented here. A data dictionary for the National Data Collection is included as part of the *SAAP Data and Research Resource Folder* which can be obtained from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services.

Additionally, important information about the measurement of concepts and the counting rules used in the analysis in this report is presented in Appendix 1.

1.6 Variation from Series 3 reports

Analyses presented in this report may not be comparable with those presented in the Series 3 reports (1997–98). The following changes have been incorporated into this report:

- The number and profile of agencies has changed due to the amalgamation or splitting of agencies, the opening of new agencies or the reclassification of service delivery model or target group. These changes are determined by State and Territory departments.
- Unless indicated otherwise, estimates derived from the Client Collection have been adjusted for agency non-participation and, where necessary, client non-consent (see explanation above). In previous annual reports unadjusted data have been presented, except for estimates of the number of SAAP clients where a simple weighting system (for non-consent only) was used.
- In general, numbers from the Client and Casual Client Collections have been rounded to the nearest 50. Numbers of potential clients from the Unmet Demand Collection have been rounded to the nearest 10, while estimates casual client contacts by these potential clients have been rounded to the nearest 50.
- Estimates of clients within regions by ethnicity and by average number of accompanying children per support period (Tables 3.2 and 3.4 in Series 3) are no longer published in Chapter 3. Rather, corresponding estimates of support periods within regions are given in Chapter 4.

- Chapter 7 now reports on three years' data. Consequently, the presentation of the tables has changed.
- The Unmet Demand Collection included two new questions (Questions 6 and 8—see Appendix 5), which have been included in the analysis of unmet demand in Chapter 5.
- The calculation of unmet demand has been refined to ensure consistent calculation across years. The method of calculating 'Potential clients unable to be supported' is described in Appendix 1. The revised calculations for November 1997 and November 1998 are included in Appendix 4.
- Following consultation with government and community stakeholders, the discussion associated with individual tables has been reduced in Chapters 2 to 6 and Appendix 3.
- Appendix 4 presents revised versions of tables included in the previous year's report.
- For the first time, copies of forms used in the 1998–99 collection are included in the report (see Appendix 5).

1.7 Structure and content of the report

Data in this report relate to the financial year ending 30 June 1999. Although most tables include information about both completed and ongoing support periods, analysis of duration of support and accommodation, and data items relating to client circumstances after support are necessarily limited to completed support periods only.

Following this introductory chapter, analyses for the reporting period are provided in Part A and some longitudinal analyses are provided in Part B. Part C comprises information used to calculate performance indicators established by the DRAC. Frequency distributions for all variables and regional tables are available in electronic format on request.

Part A has been divided into five chapters. Details of the number and distribution of SAAP agencies, and resources allocated under SAAP, are provided in Chapter 2. The characteristics of individual SAAP clients are examined in Chapter 3 and analyses of support periods (occasions of support) are presented in Chapter 4. The services provided to clients by agencies and unmet demand for services are examined in Chapter 5 and the circumstances of SAAP clients after support are reported in the final chapter of Part A (Chapter 6). Chapters in Parts A and B contain a descriptive account of major findings, as well as the graphical presentation of data. Detailed tables follow the discussion in each chapter.

There are five appendices in this report. Appendix 1 details the counting rules used in analyses contained in the report. Appendix 2 provides more details on consent rates and data on how the new weighting system affects major descriptive variables such as gender, ethnicity and age. Information about the circumstances after support of certain subgroups of SAAP clients is presented in Appendix 3, and Appendix 4 contains revisions to data contained in the previous series' reports. Copies of the forms used in the collection are shown in Appendix 5.

Occasionally it is necessary for data to be grouped to protect confidentiality. In this report, at least two in-scope agencies are required in each region, target group or service delivery model category. For example, if only one single men's agency exists in the Territory its information would be grouped with another target group. The groupings used are indicated in affected tables. This practice has been adopted to prevent the identification of the agency concerned and, potentially, of their clients.

1.8 Detailed tables

Table 1.1: SAAP Client Collection, participation rates and forms returned with informed consent and valid alpha codes by region, primary target group and service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99

			F	orms returned	
	Agencies	Participation rate (%)	Total	Consent (%)	Valid alpha code (%)
Region					
South	7	100	1,903	86.9	67.6
North	23	100	3,719	83.3	76.7
Primary target group					
Young people	9	100	1,493	84.9	83.1
Single men	5	100	1,475	95.4	94.2
Women escaping DV	5	100	1,674	77.4	46.1
Cross/multiple/general/families/sin gle women	11	100	980	79.8	75.1
Service delivery model					
Crisis/short-term accommodation	13	100	2,990	81.0	67.6
Medium/long-term accommodation	9	100	1,009	89.5	87.7
Day Support/outreach support	5	100	533	71.5	64.7
Multiple/agency support	3	100	1,090	95.9	81.3
Northern Territory	30	100	5,622	84.5	73.6

Notes

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections

^{1.} Based on forms returned from agencies 'in scope' for the Client Collection during 1998–99.

^{2.} Agencies refers to the number of agencies that should have been participating in the reference period.

^{3.} Valid alpha code here refers to all forms with a valid alpha code that were completed with consent (see glossary).

Table 1.2: SAAP Unmet Demand Collection, participation rates and forms returned by region, primary target group and service delivery model, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998

	Agencies	Participation rate (%)	Forms returned
Region	Agenoics	1410 (70)	returned
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South	7	85.7	29
North	23	95.7	125
Primary target group			
Young people	9	100.0	44
Single men	5	100.0	25
Women escaping DV	5	80.0	29
Cross/multiple/general/families/single			
women	11	90.9	56
Service delivery model			
Crisis/short-term accommodation	13	92.3	43
Medium/long-term accommodation	9	100.0	70
Day Support/outreach support	5	100.0	10
Multiple/agency support	3	66.7	31
Northern Territory	30	93.3	154

Note: Agencies refers to the number of agencies that should have been participating in the reference period.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Unmet Demand Collections

Table 1.3: SAAP Casual Client Collection, participation rates and forms returned by region, primary target group and service delivery model, Northern Territory, 20 May–2 June 1999

	Agencies	Participation rate (%)	Records returned
Region			
South	7	71.4	24
North	23	82.6	191
Primary target group			
Young people	9	77.8	25
Single men	5	80.0	9
Women escaping DV	5	100.0	64
Cross/multiple/general/families/single women	11	72.7	117
Service delivery model			
Crisis/short-term accommodation	13	76.9	54
Medium/long-term accommodation	9	88.9	64
Day Support/outreach support	5	60.0	65
Multiple/agency support	3	100.0	32
Northern Territory	30	80.0	215

Note: Agencies refers to the number of agencies that should have been participating in the reference period.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Casual Client Collections

PART A

Current period analysis

2 SAAP agencies

Funding for the 31 SAAP agencies operating in the Northern Territory as at 30 June 1999 is provided jointly by the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments. Details about these agencies are forwarded to the NDCA by Territory Health Services, the department that administers SAAP in the Northern Territory.

The information provided for the Administrative Data Collection includes the client target group of each agency and its principal activity or mode of delivering services, together with details of funding and staffing capacity where these are available. This chapter analyses information from the Administrative Data Collection to present an overview of the types of agencies funded under SAAP and the resources allocated to assisting those who are homeless and/or in crisis.

2.1 Agency Characteristics

Descriptive information about active SAAP agencies at 30 June 1999 is presented in Tables 2.1-2.4. It should be noted that agencies' service delivery models and target groups are subject to change from year to year. It is difficult, therefore, to compare the distribution of agency characteristics with that presented in previous reports. Numbers, therefore, may not be consistent with information presented in Chapter 1 (which necessarily included all agencies active during the reporting period in the assessment of participation rates). Tables 2.5-2.8 report on the funding and capacity of SAAP agencies and include all agencies funded during the financial year.

Six categories are used for classifying agencies according to their service delivery model: crisis or short-term accommodation; medium- to long-term accommodation; day support; outreach support; agency support; and multiple service delivery model. The outreach support model is used to describe those agencies that provide support away from the physical setting of the agency. Further information about agency classifications is contained in Appendix 1.

Over three-quarters (77%) of agencies were located in the North region, and the remaining 23% were in the South region. The main models of service delivery were crisis or short-term accommodation (42%), medium- to long-term accommodation (29%) and agencies providing outreach support (13%).

An agency's primary client target group may be one of the following: young people; single men only; single women only; families; women escaping domestic violence; or cross target, multiple target or general clients. An agency may also have a secondary client target group of Indigenous Australians.

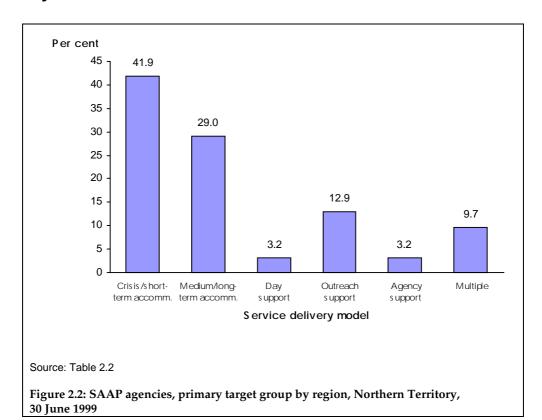
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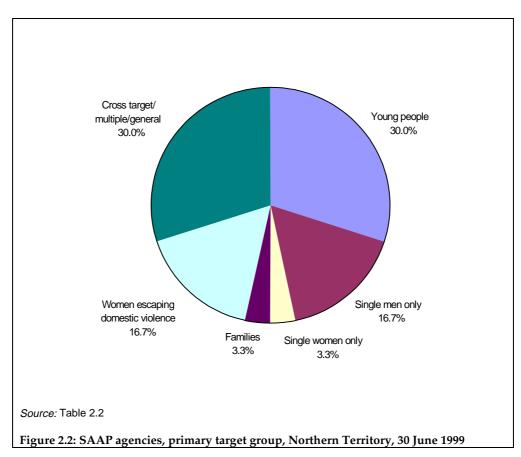
Data provided by Territory Health Services indicate that the total recurrent 1998–99 allocation under SAAP in the Northern Territory was \$5,082,183. Additional funds may have been allocated on a non-recurrent basis. Non-recurrent funding is not collected under the National Data Collection and so is not included in this report. Of this amount, \$4,955,186 represented recurrent allocations to SAAP agencies and the remaining \$126,997 was allocated for other purposes such as administration, training, research and evaluation.

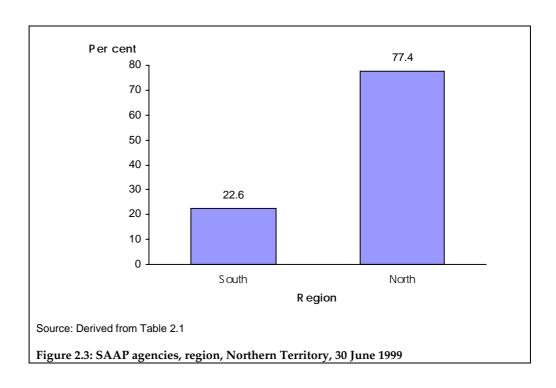
Data representing the recurrent amount of money allocated to an agency were provided to the NDCA once, at the end of the financial year. This amount was adjusted for agencies that were expected to be active for the full financial year but were not. Information pertaining to the recurrent funding of SAAP agencies includes all agencies that received funds and operated for some part of the 1998–99 financial year. Thus, numbers of agencies may not be consistent with those in Tables 2.1 to 2.4. Table 2.5 reports recurrent allocations to SAAP agencies by service delivery model. The total SAAP recurrent allocation to an agency refers to SAAP funds relating to salary costs and operating costs. A zero amount would be recorded for this data item for agencies solely in receipt of a non-recurrent grant.

Allocations vary by the service delivery model and primary target group of agencies (Tables 2.5 and 2.6). This, along with the number of agencies, affects the regional allocations (Tables 2.7 and 2.8).

2.3 Key charts







2.4 Detailed tables

2.4.1 Agency characteristics

Table 2.1: SAAP agencies, service delivery model by region, Northern Territory, 30 June 1999 (%)

Service delivery model	South	North	NT
Crisis/short-term accommodation	57.1	37.5	41.9
Medium/long-term accommodation	28.6	29.2	29.0
Day Support/outreach support	14.3	16.7	16.1
Multiple/agency support		16.7	12.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	7	24	31

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

Table 2.2: SAAP agencies, primary target group by region, Northern Territory, 30 June 1999 (%)

Primary target group	South	North	NT
Young people	42.9	29.2	32.3
Single men		20.8	16.1
Women escaping DV	28.6	12.5	16.1
Cross/multiple/general/families/single women	28.6	37.5	35.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	7	24	31

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

Table 2.3: SAAP agencies, secondary target group by region, Northern Territory, 30 June 1999 (%)

Secondary target group	South	North	NT
Indigenous Australians	_	4.2	3.2
No secondary target group	100.0	95.8	96.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	7	24	31

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

Table 2.4: SAAP agencies, service delivery model by primary target group, Northern Territory, 30 June 1999 (%)

Service delivery model	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	20.0	60.0	80.0	36.4	41.9
Medium/long-term accommodation	40.0	20.0		36.4	29.0
Day Support/outreach support	30.0			18.2	16.1
Multiple/agency support	10.0	20.0	20.0	9.1	12.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	5	5	11	31

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

2.4.2 Funding

Table 2.5: SAAP agencies and recurrent allocations, service delivery model by funding and average cost per agency, Northern Territory, 1998–99

Service delivery model	Number of agencies	Funding (\$)	Average cost per agency (\$)
Crisis/short-term accommodation	13	2,423,803	186,446
Medium/long-term accommodation	9	941,260	104,584
Day Support/outreach support	6	748,573	124,762
Multiple/agency support	3	841,550	280,517
Total number	31	4,955,186	159,845

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

Table 2.6: SAAP agencies and recurrent allocations, primary target group by funding and average cost per agency, Northern Territory, 1998–99

Primary target group	Number of agencies	Funding (\$)	Average cost per agency (\$)
Young people	10	1,461,916	146,192
Single men	7	1,059,570	151,367
Women escaping DV	5	1,585,810	317,162
Cross/ multiple/ general/ families/single women	9	847,890	94,210
Total	31	4,955,186	159,845

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

Table 2.7: SAAP recurrent allocations, service delivery model by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Service delivery model	South	North	NT
Crisis/short-term accommodation	73.5	40.0	48.9
Medium/long-term accommodation	18.0	19.4	19.0
Day Support/outreach support	8.5	15.8	13.8
Multiple/agency support		24.9	18.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total recurrent allocation (\$'000)	1,315.4	3,639.8	4,955.2

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

Table 2.8: SAAP recurrent allocations, primary target group by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Service delivery model	South	North	NT
Young people	37.3	26.7	29.5
Single men		20.1	14.8
Women escaping DV	15.5	26.7	23.7
Cross/ multiple/ general/ families/single women	47.2	26.5	32.0
Total recurrent allocation (\$'000)	1,315.4	3,639. 8	4,955.2

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection

3 SAAP clients

To contain the administrative workload on the part of SAAP service providers, the SAAP National Data Collection distinguishes between *clients* and *casual clients* (see Glossary at the beginning of this report). The Client Collection provides considerable information about the characteristics of clients who receive support for one hour or more or supported accommodation under SAAP and this chapter focuses on information from that collection. Assistance provided to casual clients is outlined in Chapter 5.

During the 1998–99 financial year, it is estimated that SAAP agencies in the Northern Territory provided 5,600 occasions of support (Table 5.1). However, this number exceeds the number of actual clients supported under the program because an individual person may receive support or supported accommodation on more than one occasion from one or more SAAP agencies.

The use of an alpha code in the National Data Collection enables a distinction to be made between individuals (the focus of this chapter) and the occasions of support they receive (Chapter 4). Unfortunately, only 74% of forms returned contained valid alpha codes. As such, even though 100% of agencies 'in scope' of the SAAP National Data Collection in the Northern Territory participated in the collection, the exact number of clients assisted under the program is not known. It is, however, possible to estimate the number of SAAP clients using adjustment techniques. The method for adjusting the SAAP data to account for missing alpha codes and the non-participating agencies is described in Chapter 1.

The tables in this chapter show the characteristics of individual clients. Data regarding the repeat use of SAAP services by clients are included in Part B of this report.

3.1 Overview

The estimate of the number of clients provided with support or supported accommodation under SAAP, using the data adjustment methodology described in Chapter 1, is 3,250. It should be noted that this figure excludes children accompanying SAAP clients and relates only to those clients who received assistance of generally more than one hour's duration (see Glossary for the definition of *client* in the National Data Collection).

SAAP agencies provided support to more female clients (57%) than male clients (43%) (Table 3.1). Clients aged 15-19 years were the single largest age grouping, accounting for 20% of all clients. The average age of female clients was 28 years, and 33 years for male clients.

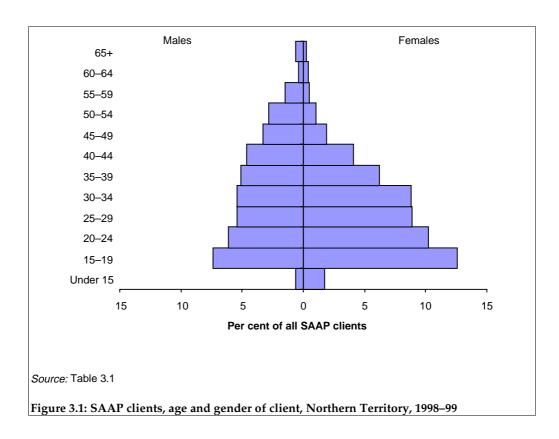
The 1996 Census of Population and Housing (ABS 1998) indicates that Indigenous Australians make up 24% of the Northern Territory population, and people living in the Territory who were born in non-English-speaking countries constitute 8% of the total population. However, these proportions were somewhat different among SAAP clients in the Northern Territory: Indigenous Australians comprised 46% and people

from non-English-speaking backgrounds comprised 4% (Table 3.2). People from other English-speaking backgrounds constituted the remaining 51% of SAAP clients.

Of the 3,250 clients supported by SAAP agencies during 1998–99, 2,350 (72%) received supported accommodation (Table 3.3). The majority of accommodated clients (95%) received crisis or short-term accommodation and 7% received medium-to long-term accommodation.

A comparison of the age-gender distribution of clients and the age-gender distribution based on support periods (Figure 4.2) reveals that men aged over 25 years exhibit higher rates of repeat use of SAAP services than do other clients.

3.2 Key charts



3.3 Detailed tables

Table 3.1: SAAP clients, age of client by gender, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

	Percentage of total	population	Percentage of ge	nder group	
Age	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
Under 15 years	1.7	0.6	3.0	1.3	2.3
15-19 years	12.6	7.4	22.3	17.2	20.1
20-24 years	10.2	6.1	18.1	14.1	16.4
25-29 years	8.9	5.4	15.7	12.5	14.3
30-34 years	8.8	5.4	15.5	12.5	14.2
35-39 years	6.2	5.1	11.0	11.9	11.4
40-44 years	4.1	4.6	7.3	10.5	8.7
45-49 years	1.9	3.3	3.3	7.6	5.2
50-54 years	1.0	2.8	1.8	6.4	3.8
55-59 years	0.5	1.5	0.9	3.5	2.0
60-64 years	0.4	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.9
65 years and over	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.4	0.8
Total	56.7	43.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,850	1,400	1,850	1,400	3,250

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 22
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.
- This table includes all those clients that ever visited Northern Territory. In the 1998-99 National Annual Report
 estimates of the number of clients by State and Territory are based on the State or Territory first visited by clients
 (estimated at 3,000 clients).

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 3.2: SAAP clients, ethnicity of client by gender, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total
Indigenous Australian	65.9	19.8	45.5
Non-English-speaking background	2.2	6.0	3.9
Other	31.9	74.2	50.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,750	1,400	3,150

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 110
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.
- 6. This table includes all those clients that ever visited Northern Territory. In the 1998-99 National Annual Report estimates of the number of clients by State and Territory are based on the State or Territory first visited by clients (estimated at 3,000 clients).

Table 3.3: Accommodated clients, accommodation provided by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Accommodation type	Female	Male	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	95.3	94.3	94.8
Medium/long-term accommodation	4.7	9.3	6.9
SAAP arranged/paid for accommodation	0.8		0.4
Total number	1,200	1,150	2,350

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 104
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Clients were able to be provided with more than one type of accommodation so percentages do not total 100.
- 7. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

4 SAAP support periods

As indicated in Chapter 3, *clients* of SAAP agencies may receive support on more than one occasion—either from the same SAAP agency or from different SAAP agencies. Each occasion of support is defined as a *support period*, which may be as short as one hour or may extend over several years (see Glossary at the beginning of this report). The previous chapter focused on individual clients; in this chapter, data refer to the number of support periods provided to clients by participating SAAP agencies.

It should be noted that short-term (generally taking less than one hour) or one-off assistance provided to individuals does not constitute a support period. Thus, an individual who is provided with a food voucher and who does not establish an *ongoing support relationship* with the agency for example, is considered a *casual client* and will not be included here (see Glossary). The provision of such assistance is detailed in Chapter 5.

The current chapter provides an overview of the total number of support periods provided within the twelve months from July 1998 to June 1999—this number is, of course, larger than the number of discrete clients (see Chapter 3). The characteristics of clients for all occasions of support are also presented here, along with their needs and circumstances before their support periods.

4.1 Overview

Participating agencies reported 5,600 occasions of support in the Northern Territory in 1998–99 (Table 4.1). Agencies targeting women escaping domestic violence provided 30% of support periods, followed by agencies targeting young people (27%) and single men's agencies (26%). There were variations between regions in service provision by target group.

The amount of assistance provided varies from day to day. For example, it is estimated on 15 August 1998 there were 350 support periods for clients, while on 15 June 1999 SAAP agencies were involved with 250 support periods (Table 4.2).

These figures exclude accompanying children. The current methodology of the National Data Collection does not allow the total number of accompanying children to be calculated. This would require an alpha code for each child to be recorded. As a result, Tables in Chapter 4 are limited to analysing the proportion of SAAP clients who seek assistance for themselves and their children. The majority of SAAP clients (80%) did not have accompanying children when they received support or were accommodated by agencies (Table 4.4).

The DRAC and the NDCA are investigating alternative options to estimate the number of children supported under SAAP. Accompanying children were the subject of a special collection conducted in May–June 1998. The results of this survey are to be released in mid-2000.

The proportion of support periods that were for clients who were of Indigenous Australian or non-English-speaking backgrounds varied across regions (Table 4.6). For example, the percentage of support periods that were for clients of Indigenous

Australian background was as high as 69% in the Northern region, compared to only 35% in the Southern region.

Clients accessed services through self-referral or were told of services by family or friends in 62% of all support periods (Table 4.10). In 11% of cases, clients were referred to services by another SAAP agency or other non-government agencies.

Women gave domestic violence as the main reason for seeking assistance in 39% of cases (Table 4.11). Men most frequently reported financial difficulty (42%) and family or relationship breakdown (11%) as their main reasons for seeking help.

Clients in 41% of cases reported that the duration of their current period of homelessness was two weeks or less (Table 4.13). A further 10% were homeless for between four and 26 weeks and clients were at imminent risk of homelessness in 26% of cases. A significant proportion of support periods (12%) were provided to clients who had been homeless for over one year. This pattern varied across age groups.

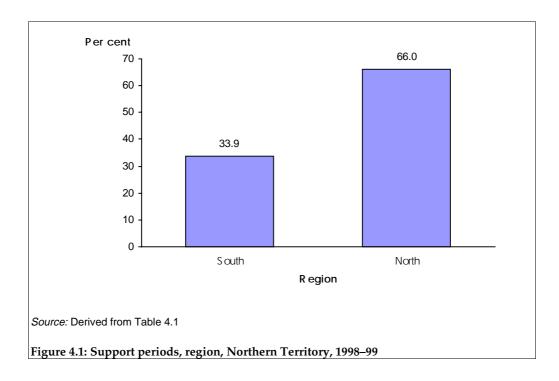
In the majority of cases (78%), clients were receiving government payments before receiving support from SAAP agencies (Table 4.14). Many clients (in 13% of cases) reported having no income immediately before receiving support. This figure was much higher for young people – 81% of cases where clients were aged under 15 years and 31% of cases involving clients aged 15-19 years.

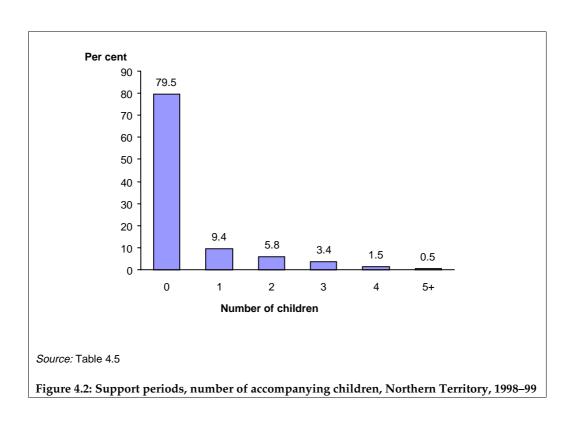
Clients in 11% of support periods reported being employed on either a full-time or part-time basis before receiving support, while an additional 4% were employed on a casual basis (Table 4.15). Clients in 43% of cases were not in the labour force before receiving support and 43% were unemployed and looking for work. Clients in 6% of cases were studying at primary or secondary school before support and 4% were studying at post–secondary level or engaged in employment training (Table 4.16).

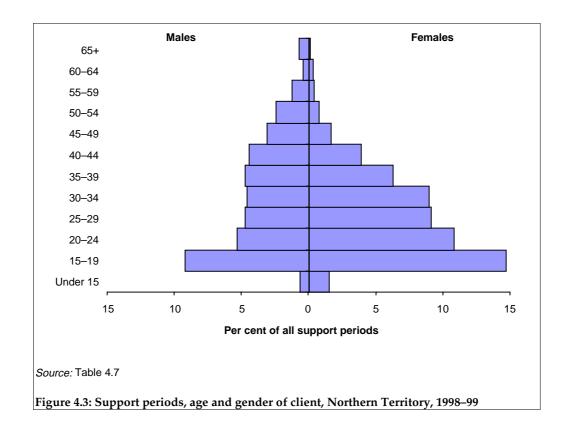
Prior to receiving support at SAAP agencies, the main forms of accommodation for clients were private rental (21% of support periods), public housing (18%) and SAAP or Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP) funded accommodation (15%) (Table 4.19). In 19% of cases, clients reported that they had no shelter at all and had been living in a car, tent, park, squat or on the streets, before seeking assistance.

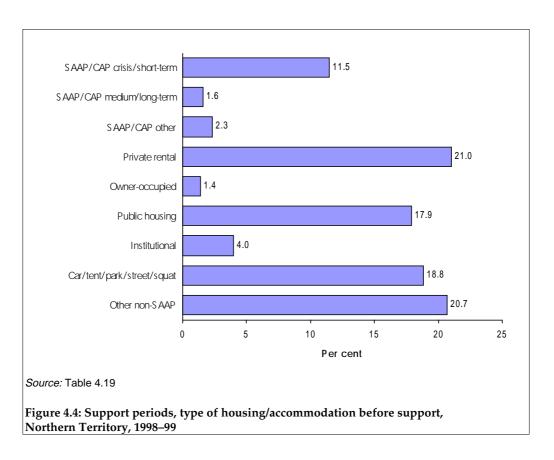
The most frequently reported needs of SAAP clients were for advice or information (reported in 74% of support periods), SAAP/CAP accommodation (74%) and meals (67%) (Table 4.22). Laundry or shower facilities and recreation were also often needed, reported in 65% and 52% of cases respectively. Assistance to obtain independent housing was needed in 17% of cases and assistance to obtain short-term accommodation was needed in 14% of cases. This pattern varied across agency target groups and age groups (Tables 4.22 and 4.23).

4.2 Key charts









4.3 Detailed tables

Table 4.1: Support periods, primary target group by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Primary target group	South	North	NT
Young people	57.9	10.5	26.6
Single men		39.7	26.2
Women escaping DV	37.8	25.7	29.8
Cross/multiple/general/families /single women	4.3	24.1	17.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,900	3,700	5,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.2: Support periods, on the 15th of the month, by month, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Date	Support periods
July 15, 1998	300
August 15, 1998	350
September 15, 1998	350
October 15, 1998	350
November 15, 1998	350
December 15, 1998	350
January 15, 1999	300
February 15, 1999	350
March 15, 1999	350
April 15, 1999	350
May 15, 1999	300
June 15, 1999	250

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0

4.3.1 Client characteristics

Table 4.3: Support periods, presenting unit by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Presenting unit	South	North	NT
Person alone	77.9	72.7	74.5
Couple without children	1.2	2.1	1.8
Person with children	18.8	21.5	20.6
Couple with children	1.3	3.1	2.5
Other	0.7	0.7	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,900	3,700	5,550

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 44
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.4: Support periods, number of accompanying children per support period by region, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Number of children	South	North	NT
No children	82.2	78.1	79.5
1 child	9.8	9.2	9.4
2 children	4.3	6.6	5.8
3 children	2.7	3.7	3.4
4 children	1	1.8	1.5
5 or more children	0.1	0.7	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1850	3650	5500

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 406
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.5: Accompanying children in support periods, age of accompanying child by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Age group	South	North	NT
0–4 years	57.5	50.5	52.3
5–12 years	37.3	40.3	39.5
13-15 years	4.0	6.7	6.0
16-17 years	1.2	2.5	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of child visits	550	1,650	2,200

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 97
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 36
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- An accompanying child may be counted in more than one support period and so the total number does not equal the actual number of accompanying children assisted.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.6: Support periods, ethnicity of client by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Ethnicity	South	North	NT
Indigenous Australian	69.2	34.9	46.9
Non-English- speaking background	0.6	5.7	3.9
Other	30.2	59.4	49.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 166
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 870
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 4,600 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.7: Support periods, age of client by gender, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

	Percentage of tot	al population	Percentage of	gender group	
Age	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
Under 15 years	1.5	0.6	2.6	1.3	2.1
15-19 years	14.7	9.2	25.0	22.3	23.9
20-24 years	10.8	5.3	18.4	12.8	16.1
25-29 years	9.1	4.7	15.5	11.5	13.9
30-34 years	9.0	4.6	15.4	11.2	13.7
35-39 years	6.3	4.7	10.8	11.5	11.1
40-44 years	3.9	4.4	6.7	10.7	8.3
45-49 years	1.7	3.1	2.9	7.5	4.8
50-54 years	0.8	2.4	1.4	5.8	3.2
55-59 years	0.4	1.2	0.6	3.0	1.6
60-64 years	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.6
65 years and over	0.1	0.7	0.2	1.6	0.8
Total	58.7	41.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,300	2,300	3,300	2,300	5,600

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 31
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 4.8: Support periods, ethnicity of client by gender, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total
Indigenous Australian	71.2	21.1	50.2
Non-English-speaking background	1.9	5.6	3.5
Other	26.9	73.3	46.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,150	2,300	5,450

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 189
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 4.9: Support periods, ethnicity of client by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Ethnicity	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Indigenous Australian	52.1	11.4	88.6	41.8	50.1
Non-English- speaking background	1.2	7.6	1.9	3.3	3.5
Other	46.7	81.1	9.5	54.9	46.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,450	1,450	1,600	950	5,500

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 172
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to total due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

4.3.2 Client circumstances

 $Table\ 4.10: Support\ periods, source\ of\ referral/information\ by\ primary\ target\ group,\ Northern\ Territory,\ 1998-99\ (\%)$

Source of referral/	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
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Self	72.3	68.0	44.5	31.6	54.0
Family	2.2	0.8	4.8	3.3	3.1
Friends	8.4	5.7	2.3	4.7	5.2
School/Other educational institution	2.4	0.3	0.1	1.1	1.1
Community services department	1.2	2.4	5.7	5.4	3.8
Police/legal unit	0.9	1.2	16.7	9.2	8.1
Prison/correction institution	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.5
Hospital/health/medical services	0.3	2.6	11.0	10.7	6.4
Psychiatric unit		0.3	0.1	0.9	0.2
Telephone/crisis referral agency	0.2	0.6	1.5	1.0	0.8
Other SAAP agency	4.1	5.6	2.9	11.2	5.3
Other government department	4.9	7.1	2.9	11.5	5.8
Other non-government organisation	2.7	4.8	7.0	9.2	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,500	650	1,650	950	4,750

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 23
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 66
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.11: Support periods, main reason for seeking assistance by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Main reason for seeking assistance	Female	Male	Total
Usual accommodation unavailable	3.2	6.8	4.3
Time out from family/Other situation	7.3	5.4	6.7
Relationship/family breakdown	8.0	10.8	8.9
Interpersonal conflicts	2.4	1.7	2.2
Physical/emotional abuse	8.7	1.3	6.4
Domestic violence	39.2	0.9	27.1
Sexual abuse	4.7	0.2	3.3
Financial difficulty	9.2	41.6	19.5
Eviction/previous accommodation ended	3.5	5.5	4.1
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.7	4.8	2.7
Emergency accommodation ended	0.4	0.6	0.5
Recently left institution	0.4	1.3	0.7
Psychiatric illness	0.3	0.5	0.3
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	2.9	7.4	4.3
Itinerant	1.6	3.1	2.1
Other	6.4	8.0	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,100	1,450	4,500

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 38
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 279
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 4.12: Support periods, main reason for seeking assistance by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Main reason for seeking assistance	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Usual accommodation unavailable	2.4	12.7	2.8	3.6	4.3
Time out from family/Other situation	8.8	3.1	6.5	6.5	6.7
Relationship/family breakdown	21.0	4.2	2.1	6.1	8.9
Interpersonal conflicts	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.4	2.1
Physical/emotional abuse	4.3	0.4	13.4	1.7	6.4
Domestic violence	6.3	0.2	59.3	22.8	27.2
Sexual abuse	1.5		1.0	12.4	3.4
Financial difficulty	27.6	52.2	1.7	14.8	19.5
Eviction/previous accommodation ended	5.2	3.4	2.2	6.1	4.1
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.3	2.9	0.8	7.7	2.7
Emergency accommodation ended	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.5
Recently left institution	0.4	1.4	0.3	1.2	0.7
Psychiatric illness	0.4	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.3
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	1.7	11.2	2.6	5.9	4.3
Itinerant	2.6	3.3	1.0	2.3	2.1
Other	12.4	2.3	4.5	6.0	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,350	650	1,600	950	4,550

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 38
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted):259
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.13: Support periods, duration of current homelessness by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of current homelessness	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
0–2 weeks	17.5	25.1	45.4	48.3	41.2	41.0	40.8
>2-4 weeks	6.4	6.6	8.0	8.0	5.7	4.5	7.4
>4-26 weeks	2.3	11.6	9.1	9.1	9.8	3.7	9.6
>26-52 weeks	9.4	8.0	2.2	3.0	2.1		4.1
>52-104 weeks	22.9	9.4	2.8	2.6	2.4		4.7
>104 weeks	14.3	11.8	5.3	5.6	3.1	6.8	7.1
At imminent risk	27.2	27.5	27.2	23.4	35.6	44.0	26.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	750	450	1,500	250	50	3,050

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 2,591
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 4.14: Support periods, primary source of income before support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Primary income source before support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
No income	80.6	30.9	5.3	4.9	5.3		12.7
Government payments	17.3	59.4	85.8	85.4	85.9	97.6	78.1
Other income	2.1	9.7	8.8	9.6	8.8	2.4	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,250	850	2,500	550	50	5,350

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 63
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 260
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 4.15: Support periods, labour force status before support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Labour force status before support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Employed full time		5.2	5.1	7.8	7.0		6.3
Employed part time		3.1	5.0	5.2	2.0		4.2
Employed on casual basis	1.0	4.3	3.9	3.2	3.6		3.6
Unemployed	19.9	55.8	43.3	38.3	32.3		42.8
Not in labour force	79.0	31.6	42.7	45.4	55.1	100.0	43.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,250	750	2,000	400	50	4,550

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 5
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 272
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 4.16: Support periods, student status before support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Student status before support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Not a student	60.0	79.6	95.5	96.0	96.8	100.0	90.6
Primary/secondary school student	37.7	15.1	1.3	0.3	_	-	5.5
Post-secondary student/ employment training	2.2	5.3	3.3	3.7	3.2		4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,250	750	1,950	400	50	4,500

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 354
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 4.17: Support periods, living situation before support by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Living situation before support	Female	Male	Total
With one or both parents	9.1	9.2	9.1
With relative/friend long term	10.5	5.3	8.8
With relative/friend short term	20.9	20.6	20.8
With partner, with/without children	31.9	7.5	24.1
Alone or with children	13.8	39.1	22.0
Other	13.8	18.3	15.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,150	1,500	4,600

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 26
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 199
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 4.18: Support periods, living situation before support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation before support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
With one or both parents	24.5	20.4	9.3	2.7	1.6	_	9.1
With relative/friend long term	17.1	8.8	8.8	9.2	4.7	3.7	8.8
With relative/friend short term	34.1	32.0	21.4	15.2	9.8	9.7	20.8
With partner, with/without children	9.1	8.0	28.7	34.1	21.0	13.3	24.2
Alone or with children	2.1	6.2	18.6	27.2	54.3	58.6	21.9
Other	13.1	24.6	13.2	11.6	8.6	14.8	15.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,250	800	2,050	400	50	4,650

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 25
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 186
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 4.19: Support periods, type of housing/accommodation before support by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing/accommodation before			
support	South	North	NT
SAAP/CAP funded accommodation			
Crisis/short-term accommodation	7.2	13.9	11.5
Medium/long-term accommodation	2.8	0.9	1.6
Other	1.5	2.8	2.3
Non-SAAP housing/ accommodation			
Non-SAAP emergency accommodation	1.7	0.4	0.8
Private rental	15.3	24.0	21.0
Owner-occupied	0.2	2.0	1.4
Public housing	20.7	16.4	17.9
Institutional	1.2	5.6	4.0
Living in a car/tent/park/street/squat	11.2	22.8	18.8
Other non-SAAP accommodation	38.2	11.3	20.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 28
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 228
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 870
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 4,500 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.20: Support periods, type of housing/accommodation before support by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing/accommodation before support	Female	Male	Total
SAAP/CAP funded accommodation			
Crisis/short-term accommodation	4.5	18.0	10.2
Medium/long-term accommodation	1.3	2.1	1.6
Other	2.3	2.5	2.4
Non-SAAP housing/accommodation			
Non-SAAP emergency accommodation	1.1	0.5	0.9
Private rental	19.9	20.1	20.0
Owner-occupied	2.4	0.3	1.5
Public housing	31.4	3.4	19.6
Institutional	2.5	6.3	4.1
Living in a car/tent/park/street/squat	10.0	29.9	18.4
Other non-SAAP accommodation	24.7	16.8	21.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,050	2,250	5,350

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 13
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 299
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 4.21: Support periods, type of housing/accommodation before support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing/accommodation before support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	Total
SAAP/CAP funded accommodation							
Crisis/short-term accommodation	1.1	11.3	6.0	9.8	18.0	12.8	10.2
Medium/long-term accommodation	_	4.4	1.4	0.5	0.5	2.4	1.6
Other	1.1	2.1	1.7	2.6	3.7	2.5	2.4
Non-SAAP housing/accommodation							
Non-SAAP emergency accommodation	4.5	2.0	0.8	0.4	0.2		0.9
Private rental	11.5	19.7	24.9	17.3	25.8	35.4	20.0
Owner-occupied	_		0.4	2.5	2.2	8.4	1.5
Public housing	6.7	6.4	26.4	27.3	7.6	8.5	19.6
Institutional	1.2	2.1	3.6	4.8	5.8	14.4	4.1
Living in a car/tent/park/street/squat	12.9	9.7	17.9	21.6	25.7	13.2	18.4
Other non-SAAP accommodation	61.0	42.2	17.0	13.2	10.5	2.4	21.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,250	850	2,500	550	50	5,350

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 18
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 284
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

4.3.3 **Client needs**

Table 4.22: Support periods, support services needed by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services needed	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
	people	Only	escaping DV	Single women only	Total
Housing/accommodation SAAP/CAP accommodation	37.5	99.2	87.3	68.2	73.8
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	23.3	12.5	9.3	12.1	14.4
Assistance to obtain independent housing	31.3	1.9	11.9	27.6	17.2
Subtotal	54.0	99.1	88.6	77.9	80.3
Financial/employment					
Assistance to obtain government					
benefit/pension/allowance	21.5	1.0	8.0	10.3	10.1
Employment/training assistance	22.3	1.8	0.9	5.2	7.6
Financial assistance/material aid	62.5	47.0	58.3	33.0	52.0
Financial counselling	27.8	1.6	2.5	20.2	12.2
Subtotal	74.3	48.4	58.2	42.1	57.1
Counselling					
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	4.6	0.1	2.2	13.7	4.3
Domestic violence counselling	12.3	0.7	16.4	20.5	11.9
Family/relationship counselling and support	30.6	2.5	5.6	29.0	15.6
Emotional support/Other counselling	62.9	28.9	67.3	48.7	52.7
Subtotal	66.4	29.4	67.3	64.6	56.7
General support/advocacy					
Living skills/personal development	49.2	8.2	18.7	18.2	24.0
Assistance with legal issues/court support	18.3	1.2	24.4	13.9	14.8
Advice/information	78.0	70.0	84.6	55.0	73.8
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal	13.9	64.5	18.9	9.6	28.0
belongings Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	48.3	2.9	47.9	36.8	34.1
Subtotal	83.8	73.6	86.9	65.4	78.9
Specialist services	00.0	70.0	00.0	00.7	70.0
Psychological services	4.9	1.0	0.9	7.5	3.1
Psychiatric services	1.6	1.0	0.6	3.2	1.4
Pregnancy support	4.5	0.1	2.3	1.2	2.1
Family planning support	3.7	0.1	1.4	0.5	1.5
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	12.0	8.4	4.5	10.2	8.5
Physical disability services	0.8	0.3	0.3	2.1	0.7
Intellectual disability services	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3
Culturally appropriate support	43.0	47.2	57.5	16.9	43.7
Interpreter services	0.7	0.2	1.6	1.3	0.9
Health/medical services	23.2	8.8	38.1	22.0	23.5
Subtotal	56.6	55.0	69.0	41.0	57.2
	30.0	33.0	03.0	41.0	37.2
Other support Meals	32.9	98.8	82.5	47.6	67.4
Laundry/shower facilities	23.9	99.7	82.9	43.9	64.7
Recreation	30.8	88.8	60.3	12.4	51.6
Transport	46.9	11.8	83.6	35.9	46.3
·	1.4	0.2	0.9	35.9 1.1	0.9
Brokerage services Other	5.6	0.2	1.9	2.3	2.5
Subtotal	5.6 56.6	99.7	89.5	66.6	79.5
Total number	1,500	1,450	1,600	950	5,550

Notes
 Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
 Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 89
 Percentages are based on valid values only.
 Clients may have needed multiple services so percentages do not total 100. Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 4.23: Support periods, support services needed by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services needed	Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
	13 years	years	years	years	years	and over	Total
Housing/accommodation SAAP/CAP accommodation	27.7	52.4	72.2	86.4	91.5	90.5	75.2
Assistance to obtain short-term	24.1	24.6	10.4	12.3	10.6	5.4	15.0
accommodation		21.0	10.1	12.0	10.0	0.1	10.0
Assistance to obtain independent housing	6.9	31.7	18.3	12.8	8.5	22.2	17.7
Subtotal	47.0	65.3	79.8	89.8	91.4	87.6	81.6
Financial/employment							
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	8.3	25.2	8.2	8.3	3.5	2.4	11.8
Employment/training assistance	9.2	24.9	5.6	2.4	2.1		8.5
Financial assistance/material aid	48.0	61.7	68.4	58.3	45.9	14.5	58.9
Financial counselling	8.9	28.0	14.5	7.8	4.6		13.4
Subtotal	50.1	75.7	71.3	61.0	49.0	15.8	64.4
Counselling							
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	13.4	5.6	2.4	4.0	3.5		4.3
Domestic violence counselling	13.2	11.7	11.0	15.2	7.1	10.0	12.8
Family/relationship counselling and support	43.4	31.3	12.2	11.8	9.6	7.9	17.0
Emotional support/Other counselling	79.3	67.4	59.8	56.3	40.4	26.9	58.2
Subtotal	82.3	71.0	61.5	59.0	44.3	27.6	61.0
General support/advocacy							
Living skills/personal development	47.2	49.5	22.9	14.3	14.8	19.9	25.0
Assistance with legal issues/court support	25.9	21.2	14.9	15.0	5.8	9.5	15.7
Advice/information	75.7	84.3	74.6	75.8	69.5	54.1	76.8
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	12.6	18.3	25.1	35.4	46.8	32.5	30.2
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	51.9	51.1	39.8	38.5	17.0	27.2	39.8
Subtotal	89.9	88.5	79.8	80.5	73.6	61.1	81.7
Specialist services							
Psychological services	4.8	4.2	3.4	3.0	1.6		3.2
Psychiatric services	2.0	0.4	2.4	1.3	3.8	2.9	1.6
Pregnancy support	3.1	4.0	3.4	1.4			2.2
Family planning support	2.0	3.9	2.6	0.8			1.8
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	13.3	12.6	5.4	10.4	8.8	2.5	10.0
Physical disability services	1.0	0.3	1.3	0.8	2.4	0.0	0.9
Intellectual disability services		0.4	1.4	0.1	0.6	2.4	0.4
Culturally appropriate support	61.1	49.5	48.1	51.7	39.1	15.0	49.2
Interpreter services	3.5	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.1		0.8
Health/medical services	24.2	24.4	23.6	24.8	22.8	34.0	24.4
Subtotal	74.6	62.0	60.9	63.2	55.5	48.3	61.9
Other support	00.0	44.0	07.0	04.4	04.0	04.0	00.0
Meals	30.0	44.6	67.6	81.4	84.8	84.6	69.6
Laundry/shower facilities	20.9	36.6	65.0	81.9	88.1	82.9	67.6
Recreation	23.1	37.3	47.8	57.4	65.9	69.0	51.2
Transport	49.5	52.3	47.9	49.5	32.8	35.4	48.1
Brokerage services	0.8	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.2		0.8
Other	9.9	5.2	3.2	1.4	1.0	3.2	2.7
Subtotal	63.2	65.3	76.8	89.0	92.0	87.8	81.1
Total number	100	1,350	900	2,600	550	50	5,550

- Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
 Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 100
 Percentages are based on valid values only.
 Clients may have needed multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
 Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

 Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 4.24: Support periods, support services needed by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services needed	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Housing/accommodation				
SAAP/CAP accommodation	73.8	88.1	75.8	75.2
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	12.4	16.8	17.1	14.8
Assistance to obtain independent housing	14.0	20.4	20.5	17.3
Subtotal	78.4	93.4	83.6	81.3
Financial/employment				
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	12.2	15.0	10.5	11.5
Employment/training assistance	6.6	10.0	10.4	8.5
Financial assistance/material aid	68.4	50.6	49.5	58.9
Financial counselling	10.9	9.9	16.3	13.4
Subtotal	72.2	55.7	56.3	64.2
Counselling				
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	3.2	0.6	5.3	4.1
Domestic violence counselling	15.9	12.9	8.6	12.4
Family/relationship counselling and support	16.3	17.5	17.6	16.9
Emotional support/Other counselling	68.8	41.0	47.8	58.0
Subtotal	69.9	42.5	51.8	60.6
General support/advocacy				
Living skills/personal development	27.1	14.3	23.9	25.1
Assistance with legal issues/court support	19.9	15.1	10.8	15.5
Advice/information	80.3	73.6	74.0	77.1
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	20.1	48.9	40.3	30.6
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	52.2	26.2	26.8	39.4
Subtotal	84.5	77.5	79.0	81.7
Specialist services				
Psychological services	2.1	1.1	4.5	3.2
Psychiatric services	0.9		2.2	1.4
Pregnancy support	2.6	2.5	1.8	2.2
Family planning support	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	10.1	6.8	10.1	10.0
Physical disability services	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9
Intellectual disability services	0.4	1.2	0.4	0.4
Culturally appropriate support	69.7	42.7	28.4	49.4
Interpreter services	0.6	4.0	0.2	0.5
Health/medical services	31.7	11.4	16.9	24.0
Subtotal	75.5	53.8	47.7	61.8
Other support				
Meals	73.4	75.4	65.0	69.5
Laundry/shower facilities	71.2	72.1	63.7	67.7
Recreation	48.0	60.6	54.8	51.7
Transport	65.9	30.6	29.9	47.8
Brokerage services	0.7		1.0	0.8
Other	3.0	1.3	2.7	2.8
Subtotal	82.0	88.3	79.7	81.1
Total number	2,650	200	2,550	5,400

- Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
 Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 265
 Percentages are based on valid values only.
 Clients may have needed multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
 Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.
 Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

5 SAAP services and unmet demand

Reflecting the diverse nature of client needs, the range of services provided by funded agencies to people who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless is considerable. Support may include the provision of supported accommodation (in which clients are offered support services while accommodated in SAAP owned, managed or funded housing), for example, or a range of support services generally provided on an ongoing basis to clients who are not in SAAP housing. Such support may be provided in the context of an agreed case management or support plan, or may be intensive and short-lived for clients in extreme crisis. Conversely, services provided to people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness may be casual in nature—an instance of assistance that is not part of an ongoing support period, such as the provision of a meal.

This chapter provides information on the prevalence and nature of support provided to SAAP clients and their accompanying children; the duration of support and accommodation for clients; and, the extent of case management in SAAP. If an agency is unable to support a client, it may refer the client elsewhere for assistance; such referrals are outlined in Tables 5.23–5.25. Information is contained in Tables 5.29–5.32 about people who requested support or accommodation but who were not provided with the required services. Finally, the extent of one-off assistance provided to casual clients, including those who unsuccessfully requested more intensive support or accommodation, is examined.

5.1 Support provided – Summary

The Client Collection form specifies 31 distinct types of support and allows agencies to record other types of support not listed on the client form. Tables relating to support services list each of the 31 distinct types separately; however, subtotals are provided for six higher order groupings of support services to aid data interpretation. Supported accommodation was provided either directly at SAAP agencies or through other arrangements organised or paid for by agencies (for example, at hotels or hostels) in 73% of support periods in the Northern Territory (Table 5.1).

SAAP/CAP accommodation was provided in more support periods (73%) than any other category of support (Table 5.1). Laundry or shower facilities (65%) and meals (67%) were also provided in the majority of cases. The provision of information (74%) and retrieval or storage of personal belongings (27%) was also common.

Support services provided to children accompanying clients have been categorised into four groups: counselling; child care and liaison with schools or kindergartens; support regarding access arrangements; and 'other' support services. Child care or related services were provided in 1% of all support periods (including those to clients not accompanied by children), and counselling in 2% of cases (Table 5.26). 20% of clients had children with them when they received support or accommodation.

The provision of support services to accompanying children in SAAP appears artificially low in these figures for two reasons. Firstly, the percentages reported here are based on all support periods, including those in which children were not present. Secondly, the Client Collection form records only whether a particular service was provided in each support period and so does not enumerate the provision of support to each child. It is anticipated that these problems will be overcome for future reports. There are also a significant number of children receiving support or accommodation from SAAP agencies who are not accompanied by an adult—analysis on these children is included in the general analysis of support periods and clients and is not included here. Services to children in SAAP were a specific focus of a special collection conducted in May–June 1998 and are the subject of a separate report, due for release mid–2000.

Given the increased national emphasis on case management in SAAP, it is interesting to note that clients agreed to the adoption of a support plan in 68% of support periods (Table 5.8). They did not agree to a plan in 11% of cases and it was not considered appropriate in 21% of cases.

Two-thirds (62%) of support periods in Northern Territory were for a duration of seven days or less, with the largest proportion (33%) lasting between one and three days. There were relatively few support periods lasting longer than 13 weeks (5%) (Table 5.12).

Among support periods in which accommodation was provided by crisis or short-term accommodation agencies, 28% had accommodation periods of one week or less (Table 5.22). Conversely, more than half (66%) of support periods in which accommodation was provided by medium- to long-term accommodation agencies involved accommodation periods of over four weeks.

When support services cannot be provided directly by a SAAP agency, clients may be referred to other (often more specialised) agencies. Across the State, at least 3,800 referrals were made on behalf of SAAP clients during the year (Table 5.23). More referrals were made for health or medical services (13%) and financial assistance/material aid (10%) than for other purposes. Agencies' referral patterns differed according to their service delivery model, target group and region (Tables 5.23-25). Referrals for each type of support may have been made on more than one occasion. However, in each support period, only one referral for each support type is enumerated in the National Data Collection; therefore, the total number of referrals may be higher.

Referrals made on behalf of accompanying children were relatively infrequent when considered as a proportion of all support periods. However, as many as 4,800 referrals for support for children were made across the State during the year (Table 5.26). Referrals for each type of support may have been made on more than one occasion and for more than one child. In each support period, only one referral for each support type is enumerated in the National Data Collection, regardless of the number of children referred. Therefore, the number of referrals for support for children may be higher.

Among accompanying children, 91% of identified needs were met—66% of needs of children were met by agencies directly providing services; 16% were met through referrals; and 9% were met through a combination of direct services and referrals (Table 5.37). Overall, unmet needs constituted 9% of the 850 needs reported, and the proportion was a little higher in the case of counselling (11%).

5.2 Met and unmet demand

Unmet demand arises when the particular needs of existing clients and their accompanying children cannot be met either by the direct provision of services by SAAP agencies or through referrals to other agencies. (It should be noted that data

about the final outcome of referrals are not collected. It is assumed that clients' needs are met through the referral process, but this may not always be the case.)

Unmet demand also stems from an inability to provide supported accommodation or support alone to all homeless people who request such assistance—not all those who wish to become clients of SAAP can be accepted as clients. Analyses of both types of unmet demand are presented here separately.

5.2.1 Unmet demand—SAAP clients

The large majority (95%) of needs identified by existing SAAP clients were met either through direct provision or referral (Table 5.29). Some 84% of the 41,450 needs identified during the year were met by agencies directly providing services to clients. An additional 7% were met through referrals and 5% were met through a combination of direct services and referrals. Five per cent of needs were not met. Proportionately, needs for specialist services (16%) were more frequently unmet. Drug or alcohol support or rehabilitation constituted 5% of unmet requests, the highest of any support type (Table 5.30).

Among accompanying children, 91% of identified needs were met—66% of needs of children were met by agencies directly providing services; 16% were met through referrals; and 9% were met through a combination of direct services and referrals (Table 5.33).

5.2.2 Unmet demand—potential clients

As noted previously, unmet demand also occurs when a homeless person is not accepted as a client of a SAAP agency. The two-week Unmet Demand Collection is conducted annually to gather information on this group—in 1998–99, the collection was held during 12–25 November 1998. All SAAP agencies are asked to record each unsuccessful request for SAAP support or accommodation during the specified fortnight—a form is completed for each person aged 18 years or older and children aged under 18 years who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Over the collection period, agencies across the Northern Territory reported 150 requests that were not met (Table 1.2). However, as estimates of unmet demand should measure the capacity of SAAP to meet expressed need, calculations of unmet demand should exclude instances in which an individual refuses an offer of support or was inappropriately referred to an agency (for example, where the individual concerned does not fall within the agency's target group). The number of *valid* unmet requests recorded during the Unmet Demand Collection was 90. (See *unmet requests for support or accommodation* in Appendix 1 for a definition of valid requests.) If this were replicated throughout the year, an estimated 2,290 unmet requests for support or supported accommodation would have occurred during 1998–99. This figure does not represent actual people as a person can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency.

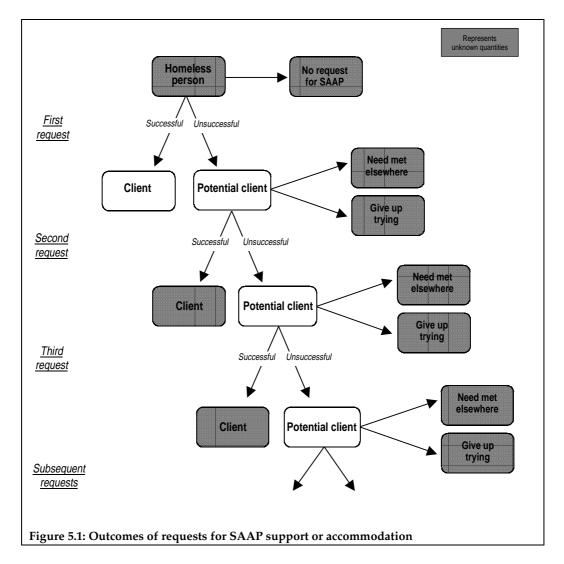
There are several methodological difficulties in estimating the number of people who request support or accommodation from SAAP agencies but who, for various reasons, are not provided with that assistance. These difficulties primarily exist for the reasons that a linkage key (the alpha code) is not universally collected in the Unmet Demand Collection and because data are only collected for a two-week period. Significantly, although the alpha code was initially defined as a required item in the Unmet Demand Collection, SAAP agencies reported considerable difficulty in its collection during the collection's pilot test. In 1998, the alpha code was included as an optional data item; however, nationally only 31% of forms returned by agencies

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Unmet requests reported in Series 3 reports were not limited to valid requests—figures reported here are not comparable with those reported in previous reports. The comparable number of unmet valid requests during the 1997 Unmet Demand Collection was 50 and the full-year estimate for 1997–98 was 1,300.

contained a valid alpha code. A detailed discussion is beyond the scope of this report; technical information about these difficulties is available from the NDCA on request. However, several key issues are noteworthy.

Firstly, an unknown proportion of people who make an unsuccessful request for support or accommodation may subsequently receive ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency, quite possibly soon after the initial request. Alternatively they may have their needs met by other means and no longer require SAAP assistance (see Figure 5.6). This gives rise to two problems—estimates obtained from the collection may overstate the actual level of unmet demand, and the potential for an individual to be included in both the Client and Unmet Demand collections (and an inability to identify the magnitude of this overlap) prevents the calculation of a reliable and accurate unmet demand rate.



Secondly, attempts to count *people* (rather than *requests*) without the use of a linkage key are problematic. From the Unmet Demand Collection, it is possible to identify requests from people who have not previously made a request for the same service at a SAAP agency during the two-week collection period. By counting only the first request made by each person during the period, an estimate of the number of people requesting support or accommodation over the fortnight can be obtained. However, as noted above, only valid requests should be considered. The need to exclude both subsequent requests and requests which were not valid instances of unmet demand poses further problems. An adjustment method has been developed to overcome

these problems and estimates can be made of the number of individuals, at a State/Territory or national level, whose valid requests were not met during the two-week period. However, it should be noted that the resulting figures will overestimate the number of people involved to the extent that people make requests for different services on different approaches to SAAP agencies within the collection period. No reliable adjustment method has been identified as yet to enable disaggregation by individual or agency characteristics.

Finally, pro-rating the number of potential clients from the two-week collection period to a full year is invalid. A potential client who makes an unsuccessful request for support may also request support or accommodation outside of this two-week period—either for the same need or a different need. A simple extrapolation to obtain the number of clients in a year would result in an inflated estimate to the extent that multiple requests are made—for example, an individual making a request each fortnight would be counted as 26 individuals if the two-week estimate were multiplied by 26 to give an annual estimate. The extent of this inflation depends on the length of the collection period—the shorter the collection period, the stronger the upward bias in the estimates of potential clients. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate the number of potential clients in a given year based on data from the two-week Unmet Demand Collection.

As a result, it is currently only possible to estimate the number of people in the Northern Territory who could not be supported or accommodated by SAAP agencies in the two-week collection period—during 12–25 November 1998, an estimated 90 potential clients (those who make an 'appropriate' request for support or accommodation but are not provided with the requested assistance) were unable to be supported by SAAP agencies at the time they made their request for assistance.⁴

The methodological issues discussed above will need to be addressed for the development of a suitable methodology to estimate reliably the number of potential clients unable to be assisted under the program. Solutions to some of these methodological issues may require changes to the collection instrument but it is hoped that more comprehensive use of the linkage key (alpha code) in the future will enable the compilation of a more complete picture of unmet demand for SAAP services. In the mean time, only limited information can be obtained from the collection about potential clients and this is reported below.

The Unmet Demand Collection contains information about the characteristics of people who made an unmet request for support and accommodation. This information is analysed for those whose first request during the collection period was made at an appropriate agency and who did not refuse an offer of SAAP support or accommodation.

The majority of potential clients sought crisis or short-term accommodation (80%) (Table 5.37). A further 19% sought medium- to long-term accommodation and 2% requested support without accommodation. There were an equal number of male and female potential clients who were unable to be supported (Table 5.39). Overall, the reason most frequently recorded by agencies for not meeting requests for assistance was that insufficient accommodation was available (78% of all unmet requests) (Table 5.42). Insufficient staff, facilities for cultural needs not available, and facilities for disability needs not available were each recorded as the main reason for non-assistance in 2% of cases.

Analysis of the reasons why potential clients could not be supported is limited here to the first 'appropriate' request (that is, requests that were made at agencies with the

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Refer to Appendix 1 for the methodology used to derive this figure. This method of estimating potential clients is a departure from Series 2 reports and readers should note that figures reported here are not comparable with those reported in previous reports. The comparable number of potential clients recorded during the 1997 Unmet Demand Collection was 50.

relevant target group and service model, excluding those in which individuals refused an offer of assistance) made by each individual.

5.3 One-off assistance

In addition to ongoing support, SAAP agencies also provide one-off assistance to homeless people, including those who do not become clients at the time they request support or accommodation. One-off assistance includes the provision of a meal, a shower, transport, clothing, information and the like. A distinction is made in the National Data Collection between such one-off assistance, which takes less than one hour of a worker's time, and support, which requires a greater time commitment and which is normally provided as part of an ongoing support relationship. Recipients of one-off assistance are referred to as *casual clients* (see Glossary) under the National Data Collection.

5.3.1 Unmet Demand Collection

During the two-week Unmet Demand Collection held 12–25 November 1998, SAAP workers recorded details of one-off assistance given to people who requested support or accommodation but who were not provided with these services. It is important to note that people who do not receive the requested support or accommodation often receive some level of one-off assistance.

It is important to note that people who do not receive the requested support or accommodation often receive some level of one-off assistance. It is estimated that over 8,900 instances of one-off assistance were provided to people making unsuccessful requests for ongoing support or accommodation in 1998–99 (Table 5.52). This one-off assistance was primarily in the form of information (58%) and emotional support (39%). In a small proportion of cases (5%) recorded during the Unmet Demand Collection period, the people seeking support or accommodation received no assistance at all.

5.3.2 Casual Client Collection

The Casual Client Collection was held between 20 May and 2 June 1999 to obtain information about the provision of one-off assistance to people. It should be noted that the methodology for the Casual Client Collection differed from that of the Unmet Demand Collection—the former obtained information about services provided to each family group whereas the latter collected information about services provided to each adult. As a result, estimates derived from the Casual Client Collection may understate the actual level of service provision.

During that fortnight, agencies reported providing one-off assistance to 215 casual client contacts, which, if weighted to estimate a yearly figure, would equate to 5,600 contacts. It is estimated from this that over 11,700 instances of one-off assistance were provided during 1998–99 to casual clients.

Information was the most common form of one-off assistance provided—in 58% of cases. Financial/material aid (41%) and emotional support (39%) were other frequently provided forms of one-off assistance. Patterns in the provision of one-off assistance differed across regions and variations were also evident according to agencies' target group and service delivery model (Tables 5.64–5.66).

5.4 Key charts

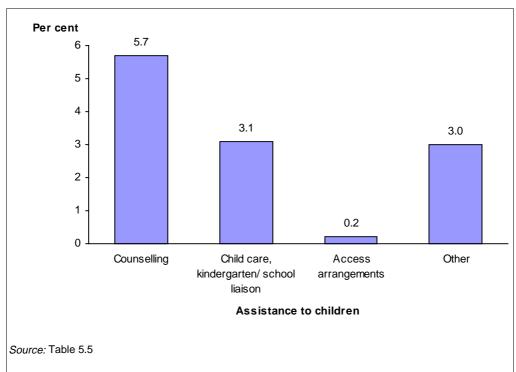
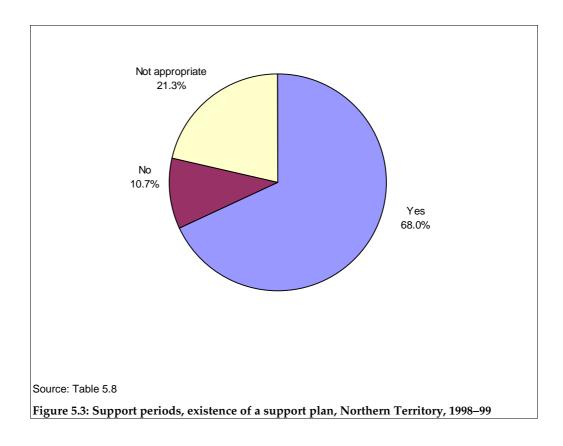
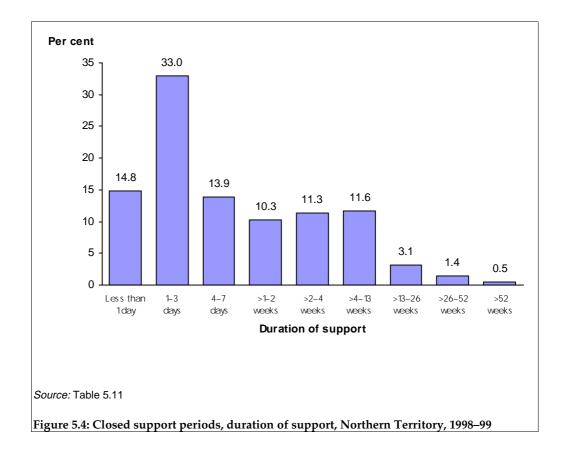
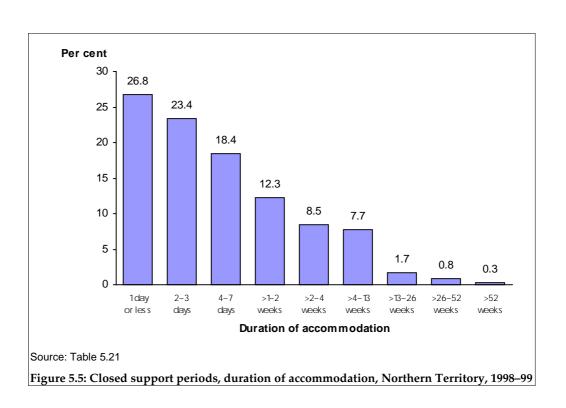


Figure 5.2: Support periods, support services provided to accompanying children, Northern Territory, 1998–99







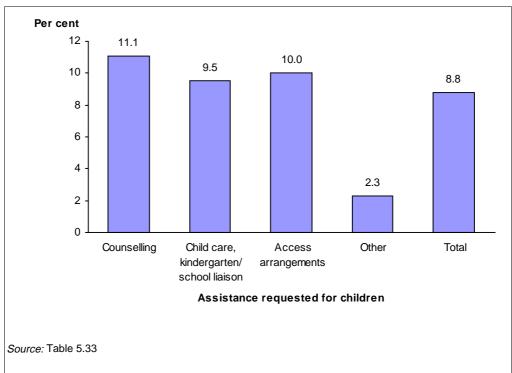
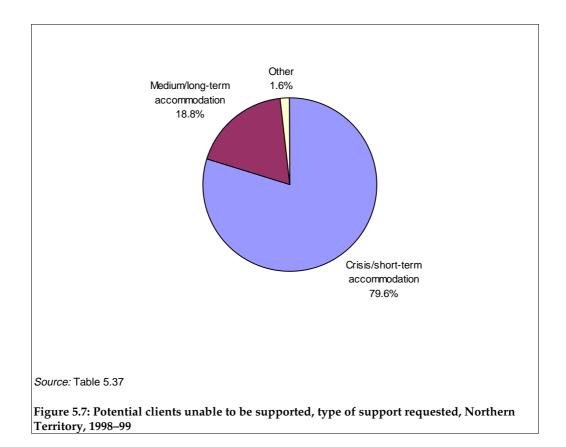


Figure 5.6: Unmet needs of accompanying children, type of support requested, Northern Territory, 1998–99



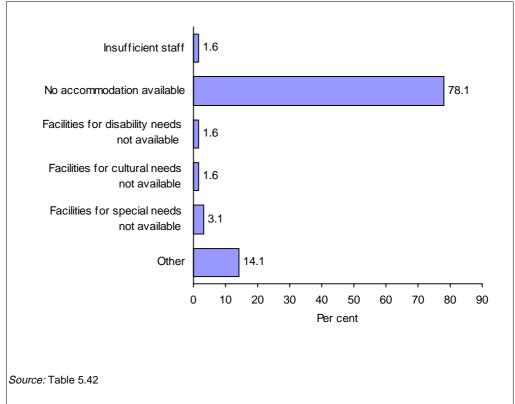
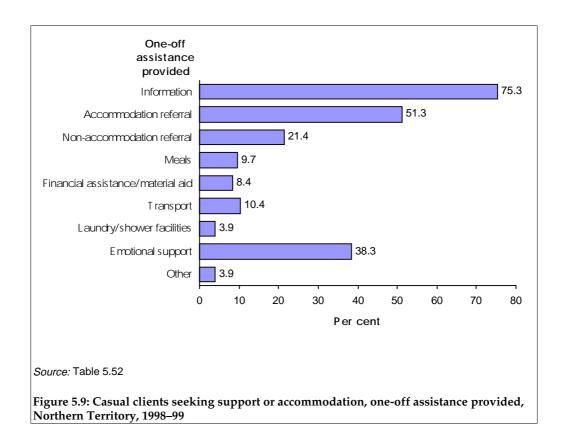
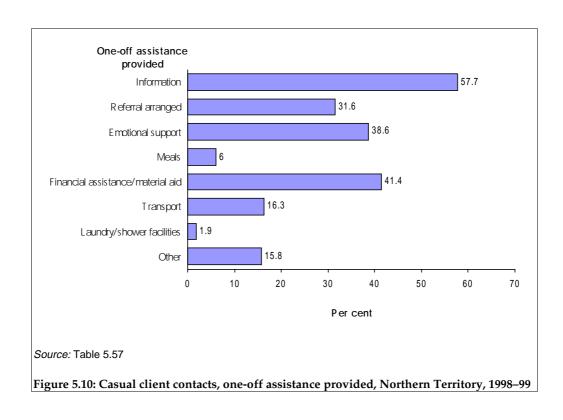


Figure 5.8: Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason support not provided, Northern Territory, 1998–99





5.5 **Detailed tables**

5.5.1 Support provided to clients

Table 5.1: Support periods, support services provided to client by region, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Support services provided	South	North	NT
Housing/accommodation			
SAAP/CAP accommodation	53.4	82.1	72.6
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	9.4	8.7	9.0
Assistance to obtain independent housing	9.7	10.4	10.2
Subtotal	58.2	86.7	77.1
Financial/employment			
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	9.5	5.7	7.0
Employment/training assistance	7.3	1.5	3.4
Financial assistance/material aid	28.5	50.0	42.8
Financial counselling	16.0	7.3	10.2
Subtotal	43.2	53.2	49.9
Counselling			
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	1.3	3.8	3.0
Domestic violence counselling	10.0	5.3	6.8
Family/relationship counselling and support	17.8	8.5	11.6
Emotional support/Other counselling	62.8	44.3	50.4
Subtotal	63.1	47.3	52.7
General support/advocacy			
Living skills/personal development	46.2	9.1	21.4
Assistance with legal issues/court support	15.3	7.8	10.3
Advice/information	77.4	71.7	73.6
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	12.9	34.5	27.4
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	38.1	30.5	33.1
Subtotal	82.5	75.9	78.1
Specialist services			
Psychological services	1.4	1.5	1.5
Psychiatric services	0.3	0.4	0.4
Pregnancy support	1.9	1.2	1.4
Family planning support	2.1	0.6	1.1
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	7.0	4.5	5.3
Physical disability services	0.4	0.2	0.3
Intellectual disability services	0.2	0.1	0.1
Culturally appropriate support	54.8	34.9	41.5
Interpreter services	0.4	0.6	0.5
Health/medical services	24.3	6.7	12.5
Subtotal	60.7	43.2	49.2
Other support			
Meals	58.3	71.8	67.3
Laundry/shower facilities	53.5	70.0	64.6
Recreation	50.9	49.9	50.2
Transport	59.1	35.7	43.4
Brokerage services	0.4	0.9	0.7
Other	4.1	0.9	2.0
Subtotal	68.1	83.9	78.6
Total number	1,900	3,700	5,600

- Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
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 Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
 Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections Clients were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.

Table 5.2: Support periods, support services provided to client by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services provided	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Housing/accommodation					
SAAP/CAP accommodation	91.3	26.8	13.0	93.4	72.6
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	7.9	11.8	12.6	7.4	9.0
Assistance to obtain independent housing	5.6	19.6	16.0	10.9	10.2
Subtotal	90.0	44.1	28.9	95.6	77.1
Financial/employment					
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	5.1	15.8	7.1	3.9	7.0
Employment/training assistance	2.7	6.6	7.1	0.6	3.4
Financial assistance/material aid	38.7	31.1	39.1	66.5	42.8
Financial counselling	3.3	31.5	22.5	3.0	10.2
Subtotal	41.2	53.7	51.0	69.5	49.9
Counselling					
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	0.4	2.3	24.0	0.5	3.0
Domestic violence counselling	7.7	10.0	4.8	2.6	6.8
Family/relationship counselling and support	8.8	28.7	15.8	1.0	11.6
Emotional support/Other counselling	44.8	67.7	48.3	50.3	50.4
Subtotal	45.6	71.4	61.9	50.4	52.7
General support/advocacy					
Living skills/personal development	20.5	43.0	22.7	3.2	21.4
Assistance with legal issues/court support	10.6	10.7	9.0	9.7	10.3
Advice/information	64.5	82.8	63.2	94.7	73.6
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	18.0	12.6	3.2	77.8	27.4
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	29.0	60.8	35.1	17.2	33.1
Subtotal	69.7	87.7	70.2	96.4	78.1
Specialist services					
Psychological services	0.2	5.2	3.6	0.3	1.5
Psychiatric services	0.2	1.0	0.6	0.1	0.4
Pregnancy support	0.9	3.4	1.9	0.6	1.4
Family planning support	1.3	1.9	0.6	0.1	1.1
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	4.2	6.7	1.0	9.3	5.3
Physical disability services	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3
Intellectual disability services	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Culturally appropriate support	46.5	20.1	21.9	57.4	41.5
Interpreter services	0.4	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.5
Health/medical services Subtotal	17.1	11.9	4.6	4.7	12.5
	51.5	37.0	25.5	65.6	49.2
Other support Meals	01.9	20.2	4.0	75.0	67.2
Laundry/shower facilities	91.8 86.8	20.2 13.4	4.0 3.2	75.8 81.8	67.3 64.6
Recreation	59.0	20.6	3.2 1.5	77.6	50.2
Transport	57.7	39.3	12.6	23.8	43.4
Brokerage services	0.3	2.3	0.0	0.7	0.7
Other	1.2	5.7	0.4	1.3	2.0
Subtotal	94.5	47.2	15.4	94.8	78.6
Total number	3,000	1,000	550	1,100	5,600
Notes	3,000	1,000	330	1,100	3,000

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- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Clients were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding. Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.3: Support periods, support services provided to client by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Summert considers provided	Young	Single men	Women	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single	Total
Support services provided	people	only	escaping DV	women only	Total
Housing/accommodation					
SAAP/CAP accommodation	26.1	99.7	94.4	66.3	72.6
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	15.0	5.6	8.1	6.4	9.0
Assistance to obtain independent housing	15.6	8.0	10.5	15.4	10.2
Subtotal	38.3	99.5	92.8	75.5	77.1
Financial/employment					
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	12.9	0.9	6.8	7.6	7.0
Employment/training assistance	10.1	1.0	0.7	1.4	3.4
Financial assistance/material aid	34.3	46.2	57.9	25.7	42.8
Financial counselling	24.3	1.4	1.1	17.2	10.2
Subtotal	54.8	47.1	57.7	33.1	49.9
Counselling					
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	2.5	0.1	0.4	12.4	3.0
Domestic violence counselling	9.8	0.1	9.3	8.3	6.8
Family/relationship counselling and support	23.7	1.5	4.0	20.9	11.6
Emotional support/Other counselling	59.5	28.1	66.3	44.0	50.4
Subtotal	62.7	28.2	65.5	52.2	52.7
General support/advocacy					
Living skills/personal development	45.8	5.9	18.1	13.3	21.4
Assistance with legal issues/court support	12.8	1.0	19.2	5.8	10.3
Advice/information	76.7	69.7	86.1	54.2	73.6
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	13.2	64.4	17.8	8.7	27.4
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	46.0	2.9	47.1	35.8	33.1
Subtotal	82.9	73.7	88.6	59.7	78.1
Specialist services					
Psychological services	1.8	0.2	0.3	4.7	1.5
Psychiatric services	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.4
Pregnancy support	3.0	0.0	1.6	0.7	1.4
Family planning support	2.8	0.0	1.2	0.1	1.1
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	7.2	5.9	3.0	5.4	5.3
Physical disability services	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3
Intellectual disability services	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Culturally appropriate support	42.1	41.8	57.2	14.3	41.5
Interpreter services	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.5
Health/medical services	11.4	6.6	25.0	2.8	12.5
Subtotal	48.4	48.5	64.3	25.4	49.2
Other support					
Meals	30.3	98.1	86.0	46.2	67.3
Laundry/shower facilities	21.0	99.0	86.0	43.3	64.6
Recreation	28.5	88.0	58.8	12.0	50.2
Transport	43.1	11.3	78.7	34.2	43.4
Brokerage services Other	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.7
Subtotal	4.5 <i>51.4</i>	0.1 <i>99.3</i>	1.4 <i>92.4</i>	1.8 <i>65.1</i>	2.0 <i>78.6</i>
Total number	1,500	1,500	1,650	1,000	5,600

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Clients were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.4: Support periods, support services provided to client by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services provided	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Housing/accommodation							<u> </u>
SAAP/CAP accommodation	17.8	38.2	71.8	88.7	92.8	90.5	72.7
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	13.1	16.6	7.4	7.9	7.8	2.4	10.0
Assistance to obtain independent housing	6.0	16.0	12.0	9.4	5.0	12.7	10.9
Subtotal	31.1	49.7	76.7	90.9	92.5	87.6	77.6
Financial/employment							
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	6.1	15.2	6.0	6.8	3.0	2.4	8.3
Employment/training assistance	6.0	11.3	2.3	1.2	1.1	0.0	3.9
Financial assistance/material aid	17.8	37.6	54.3	56.8	44.8	10.0	49.3
Financial counselling	8.9	24.8	13.4	6.2	4.2	0.0	11.6
Subtotal	26.9	58.3	62.5	58.7	46.3	11.6	56.9
Counselling							
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	7.2	3.7	2.0	3.2	2.4	0.0	3.1
Domestic violence counselling	12.0	8.9	8.4	8.4	1.9	2.9	7.9
Family/relationship counselling and support	35.4	24.5	9.6	9.1	6.4	5.4	13.1
Emotional support/Other counselling	78.4	63.6	57.9	55.0	40.0	19.9	56.2
Subtotal	80.3	66.9	58.7	56.0	40.7	18.7	57.7
General support/advocacy							
Living skills/personal development	45.2	45.3	20.3	11.7	13.5	19.9	22.2
Assistance with legal issues/court support	17.9	15.0	9.7	10.3	3.7	5.0	10.8
Advice/information	75.7	83.0	74.3	76.8	68.1	54.1	76.8
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	12.6	17.4	24.4	34.8	46.8	32.5	29.6
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	50.8	49.1	38.7	38.1	16.6	24.3	38.8
Subtotal	89.9	87.7	79.2	80.3	72.4	61.1	81.1
Specialist services							
Psychological services	2.6	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.0	1.5
Psychiatric services	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.4
Pregnancy support	2.1	2.5	2.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.4
Family planning support	0.0	3.1	1.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.3
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	10.3	7.3	3.8	6.3	6.9	2.5	6.3
Physical disability services	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.4
Intellectual disability services	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.1
Culturally appropriate support	60.1	48.5	47.4	49.1	35.4	7.5	47.2
Interpreter services Health/medical services	3.5	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.5
Subtotal	8.2	12.1	10.6	9.5	9.9	22.3	10.4
	65.6	54.4	52.1	54.8	45.0	30.2	53.3
Other support Meals	24.0	40.0	67.6	00.0	00.0	04.7	60.0
Laundry/shower facilities	24.9 17.0	42.3 33.5	67.6 64.3	82.0 82.2	82.8	81.7	69.0 66.7
Recreation	17.0	33.5 34.4	45.6	56.6	87.6 64.7	82.9 69.0	49.6
Transport	44.4	48.2	45.1	45.8	32.3	30.9	44.7
Brokerage services	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.7
Other	7.9	4.3	2.0	1.2	1.0	3.2	2.2
Subtotal	<i>57.1</i>	61.8	75.1	89.0	91.0	87.8	79.8
Total number	100	1,350	900	2,650	600	50	5,650
Notes				• • • •			

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 6
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Clients were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency client non-consent.

5.5.2 Support provided to accompanying children

Table 5.5: Support periods, support services provided to accompanying children by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services provided to children	South	North	NT
Counselling	7.4	4.7	5.7
Child care, kindergarten/school liaison	2.2	3.6	3.1
Access arrangements	0.1	0.2	0.2
Other	2.7	3.3	3.0
Total number	1,900	2,900	4,800

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Accompanying children were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.6: Support periods, support services provided to accompanying children by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services provided to accompanying children	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Counselling	5.8	4.9	0.8	16.9	5.7
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	3.6	1.0	0.0	10.0	3.1
Access arrangements	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.2
Other	4.4	0.5	0.6	2.4	3.0
Total number	3,000	1,000	550	300	4,800

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Accompanying children were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.7: Support periods, support services provided to accompanying children by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services provided to accompanying children	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Counselling	1.5	0.0	12.2	5.0	5.7
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	0.3	0.0	8.1	0.8	3.1
Access arrangements	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2
Other	0.5	0.0	7.7	1.0	3.0
Total number	1,500	700	1,650	1,000	4,800

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Accompanying children were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

5.5.3 Case management/support plans

Table 5.8: Support periods, existence of a support plan by region, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Existence of support plan	South	North	NT
Support plan	77.6	61.8	68.0
No support plan	3.4	15.4	10.7
Not appropriate	18.9	22.8	21.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,850	2,850	4,700

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 7
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 139
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.9: Support periods, existence of a support plan by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of support plan	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Support plan	62.9	81.5	64.0	80.6	68.0
No support plan	14.8	3.2	4.1	7.5	10.7
Not appropriate	22.3	15.2	31.9	11.8	21.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,900	1,000	500	300	4,700

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 7
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 139
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.10: Support periods, existence of a support plan by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of support plan	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Support plan	72.2	45.7	79.7	56.8	68.0
No support plan	3.6	35.7	7.0	10.7	10.7
Not appropriate	24.2	18.6	13.3	32.4	21.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,450	650	1,650	950	4,700

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 7
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 139
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

5.5.4 Duration of support

Table 5.11: Closed support periods, duration of support by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of support	South	North	NT
Less than 1 day	26.7	8.5	14.8
1–3 days	27.3	36.1	33.0
4–7 days	13.1	14.3	13.9
>1-2 weeks	10.0	10.5	10.3
>2-4 weeks	17.0	8.3	11.3
>4-13 weeks	5.4	14.9	11.6
>13-26 weeks	0.3	4.5	3.1
>26-52 weeks	0.1	2.1	1.4
>52 weeks	0.1	0.8	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,900	3,500	5,400

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 6
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.12: Closed support periods, duration of support by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of support	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Less than 1 day	12.7	18.7	41.0	5.1	14.8
1–3 days	44.4	5.0	4.6	39.6	33.0
4–7 days	18.6	4.6	2.6	14.4	13.9
>1-2 weeks	11.0	7.7	5.2	13.1	10.3
>2-4 weeks	7.8	22.0	17.4	8.9	11.3
>4-13 weeks	4.5	25.9	18.0	15.5	11.6
>13-26 weeks	0.6	9.6	6.2	2.6	3.1
>26-52 weeks	0.2	4.9	3.8	0.8	1.4
>52 weeks	0.2	1.6	1.2	0.2	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,900	950	500	1,050	5,400

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 6
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.13: Closed support periods, duration of support by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of support	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Less than 1 day	36.0	3.5	6.2	15.0	14.8
1–3 days	11.1	45.8	45.4	25.1	33.0
4–7 days	7.3	15.4	19.3	12.2	13.9
>1-2 weeks	7.9	13.5	10.8	8.3	10.3
>2-4 weeks	19.5	9.9	7.7	7.5	11.3
>4-13 weeks	12.3	8.9	8.8	19.3	11.6
>13-26 weeks	3.5	1.6	1.5	7.4	3.1
>26-52 weeks	1.9	0.7	0.3	3.8	1.4
>52 weeks	0.4	0.7	0.1	1.3	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,400	1,400	1,600	950	5,400

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 6
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.14: Closed support periods, duration of support by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of support	Female	Male	Total
Less than 1 day	16.3	11.5	14.3
1–3 days	32.4	33.8	33.0
4–7 days	14.1	14.1	14.1
>1-2 weeks	9.3	11.9	10.3
>2-4 weeks	10.7	12.5	11.4
>4-13 weeks	11.6	11.7	11.6
>13-26 weeks	3.5	2.5	3.1
>26-52 weeks	1.6	1.3	1.5
>52 weeks	0.5	0.7	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,100	2,200	5,250

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 2
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 127
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.15: Closed support periods, duration of support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Less than 1 day	28.2	31.3	16.7	6.8	5.9	3.6	14.6
1–3 days	8.3	16.9	34.0	41.5	32.6	24.7	32.7
4–7 days	3.9	8.7	14.3	16.1	17.2	10.0	13.8
>1-2 weeks	15.7	8.6	10.8	11.2	13.0	20.3	10.8
>2-4 weeks	21.7	19.1	12.1	8.2	11.2	16.5	12.1
>4-13 weeks	15.0	11.1	8.1	11.3	14.6	17.5	11.2
>13-26 weeks	3.1	2.9	2.1	3.0	2.6	3.6	2.8
>26-52 weeks	3.0	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.8	0.0	1.3
>52 weeks	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.2	3.6	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,300	900	2,550	550	50	5,450

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 12
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 5.16: Closed support periods, duration of support by presenting unit of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

	Person	Couple without	Person with	Couple with		
Duration of support	alone	children	children	children	Other	Total
Less than 1 day	16.8	9.9	8.5	6.2	22.2	14.8
1–3 days	34.0	19.8	32.8	13.2	41.7	33.1
4–7 days	13.9	11.0	15.5	8.5	0.0	13.9
>1-2 weeks	10.6	13.2	9.7	7.8	5.6	10.3
>2-4 weeks	11.8	13.2	9.4	9.3	8.3	11.3
>4-13 weeks	9.3	25.3	16.7	29.5	8.3	11.5
>13-26 weeks	2.1	4.4	5.0	13.2	11.1	3.1
>26-52 weeks	1.0	2.2	1.9	10.9	0.0	1.4
>52 weeks	0.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	2.8	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	4,000	100	1,100	150	50	5,350

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 4
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 49
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.17: Closed support periods, duration of support by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

	Indigenous	Non-English- speaking		
Duration of support	Australian	background	Other	Total
Less than 1 day	15.1	1.8	14.9	14.6
1-3 days	37.7	38.2	27.3	33.0
4-7 days	15.1	14.3	12.4	13.8
>1-2 weeks	11.1	8.2	10.7	10.8
>2-4 weeks	12.2	10.1	12.1	12.1
>4-13 weeks	6.7	22.5	15.2	11.1
>13-26 weeks	1.6	2.2	4.2	2.8
>26-52 weeks	0.4	1.4	2.3	1.3
>52 weeks	0.1	1.3	1.0	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,700	150	2,400	5,300

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 171
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 5.18: Closed support periods, existence of a support plan by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of support plan	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Support plan	40.0	62.0	77.6	80.0	85.4	79.9	74.4	73.3	75.9	68.0
No support plan	6.8	16.7	11.0	8.8	6.1	8.5	5.6	5.3	6.9	10.6
Not appropriate	53.2	21.3	11.5	11.2	8.5	11.7	20.0	21.3	17.2	21.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	750	1,350	600	400	550	550	150	100	50	4,450

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 7
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 135
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

5.5.5 Accommodation provided

Table 5.19: Support periods in which clients were accommodated, accommodation provided by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Accommodation type	South	North	NT
Crisis/short-term accommodation	98.3	93.8	94.8
Medium/long-term accommodation	1.8	5.8	4.9
Other SAAP	0.0	0.9	0.7
Total number	900	2,950	3,800

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 197
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Clients were able to be accommodated on more than one occasion in each support period so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.20: Support periods in which clients were accommodated, accommodation provided by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Accommodation type	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	78.5	97.4	98.4	89.1	94.8
Medium/long-term accommodation	21.5	2.7	1.5	9.5	4.9
Other SAAP	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.4	0.7
Total number	300	1,400	1,450	600	3,800

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 197
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Clients were able to be accommodated on more than one occasion in each support period so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.21: Closed support periods in which clients were accommodated, duration of accommodation by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of accommodation	South	North	NT
1 day or less	29.3	26.0	26.8
2–3 days	24.9	23.0	23.4
4–7 days	22.3	17.2	18.4
>1-2 weeks	13.1	12.0	12.3
>2-4 weeks	7.8	8.7	8.5
>4–13 weeks	2.5	9.3	7.7
>13-26 weeks	0.1	2.2	1.7
>26-52 weeks	0.0	1.1	0.8
>52 weeks	0.0	0.4	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	850	2,800	3,650

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 12
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 197
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.22: Support periods in which clients were accommodated, duration of accommodation by accommodation provided, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Duration of accommodation	Crisis/short-term accommodation	Medium/long-term accommodation	Other SAAP	Total
1 day or less	27.7	2.1	8.7	26.7
2-3 days	24.3	1.4	4.3	23.4
4–7 days	18.8	6.4	4.3	18.4
>1-2 weeks	12.4	9.3	8.7	12.3
>2-4 weeks	8.1	15.0	17.4	8.4
>4-13 weeks	7.0	28.6	43.5	7.8
>13-26 weeks	1.1	18.6	13.0	1.8
>26-52 weeks	0.5	11.4		0.9
>52 weeks	0.1	7.1		0.3
Total number	3,500	100	0	3,700

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 12
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 349
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Clients were able to be accommodated on more than one occasion in each support period so percentages do not total 100.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

5.5.6 Support services for clients referred

 $Table \ 5.23: Support \ periods, support \ services \ referred \ by \ region, Northern \ Territory, 1998-99 \ (\%)$

Support services referred	South	North	N
Housing/accommodation			
SAAP/CAP accommodation	6.7	3.3	4.4
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	5.0	4.9	4.9
Assistance to obtain independent housing	7.7	4.4	5.5
Subtotal	15.7	10.6	12.
Financial/employment			
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	6.2	2.5	3.7
Employment/training assistance	6.4	1.4	3.
Financial assistance/material aid	23.9	3.0	10.0
Financial counselling	0.4	1.6	1.2
Subtotal	27.7	7.4	14.
Counselling			
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	1.1	1.1	1.1
Domestic violence counselling	3.2	5.9	5.0
Family/relationship counselling and support	2.2	2.9	2.
Emotional support/Other counselling	2.3	1.8	2.0
Subtotal	6.6	9.7	8.
General support/advocacy			
Living skills/personal development	1.2	1.1	1.1
Assistance with legal issues/court support	8.3	4.4	5.
Advice/information	2.4	2.2	2.3
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	0.5	0.7	0.
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	3.3	2.0	2.5
Subtotal	12.9	8.0	9.
Specialist services			
Psychological services	2.9	1.2	1.8
Psychiatric services	0.8	1.3	1.1
Pregnancy support	1.4	0.6	0.8
Family planning support	1.2	0.5	0.7
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	3.1	2.5	2.
Physical disability services	0.5	0.6	0.6
Intellectual disability services	0.2	0.2	0.2
Culturally appropriate support	0.8	2.7	2.
Interpreter services	0.3	0.6	0.9
Health/medical services	14.7	12.4	13.
Subtotal	18.9	17.8	18
Other support	0.0	0.5	4
Meals Laundry/shower facilities	2.9	0.5	1.3
•	2.5	0.2	1.0
Recreation Transport	2.0 3.8	0.1 3.1	0.5 3.3
Brokerage services Other	0.0 1.1	0.1 0.5	0. ⁻ 0.7
Subtotal	5.5	0.5 4.2	
			4.0
Total number	1,900	3,700	5,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.24: Support periods, support services referred by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services referred	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
	accommodation	accommodation	support	Support	Total
Housing/accommodation	4.4	45.0	4.4	4.0	
SAAP/CAP accommodation Assistance to obtain short-term	1.4	15.9	4.4	1.8	4.4
accommodation	2.2	8.3	4.4	9.5	4.9
Assistance to obtain independent housing	3.8	13.2	8.0	1.6	5.5
Subtotal	6.3	29.0	14.4	12.4	12.3
Financial/employment					
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	2.3	10.2	6.7	0.2	3.7
Employment/training assistance	0.4	13.2	3.8	0.4	3.1
Financial assistance/material aid	2.5	29.7	31.9	1.0	10.0
Financial counselling	0.5	2.8	1.5	1.5	1.2
Subtotal	5.1	42.4	35.8	2.9	14.3
Counselling					
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	0.4	2.4	1.7	1.6	1.1
Domestic violence counselling	5.6	3.9	3.8	5.2	5.0
Family/relationship counselling and support	1.4	5.8	6.3	1.6	2.7
Emotional support/Other counselling	1.1	3.9	5.2	1.1	2.0
Subtotal	7.3	12.0	11.8	7.9	8.7
General support/advocacy					-
Living skills/personal development	0.2	2.2	3.1	1.7	1.1
Assistance with legal issues/court support	5.8	9.4	8.4	0.6	5.7
Advice/information	1.5	6.4	2.1	0.6	2.3
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.7
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	1.5	8.0	1.9	0.2	2.5
Subtotal	7.8	20.6	12.6	3.1	9.7
Specialist services					
Psychological services	0.7	4.1	4.0	1.6	1.8
Psychiatric services	0.4	1.7	3.2	1.4	1.1
Pregnancy support	0.2	2.8	1.0	0.6	0.8
Family planning support	0.5	2.0	0.4	0.2	0.7
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	2.4	2.9	3.2	3.1	2.7
Physical disability services	0.2	2.0	0.8	0.0	0.6
Intellectual disability services	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
Culturally appropriate support	0.5	1.9	0.6	7.2	2.1
Interpreter services	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.5
Health/medical services	14.0	21.9	9.2	4.6	13.1
Subtotal	16.0	27.7	16.3	16.3	18.2
Other support					
Meals	0.8	2.6	4.6	0.1	1.3
Laundry/shower facilities	0.4	2.2	3.8	0.0	1.0
Recreation	0.3	1.3	3.2	0.1	0.7
Transport	4.1	3.0	5.5	0.6	3.3
Brokerage services	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Other	0.3	2.2	0.0	0.7	0.7
Subtotal	4.7	6.6	6.4	1.6	4.6
Total number	3,000	1,000	550	1,100	5,600

- Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
 Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
 Percentages are based on valid values only.
 Clients were able to receive multiple referrals so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.25: Support periods, support services referred by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Accommodation type	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Housing/accommodation		-			
SAAP/CAP accommodation	11.6	0.1	2.5	3.1	4.4
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	8.2	6.9	1.7	2.2	4.9
Assistance to obtain independent housing	11.0	0.7	2.7	9.1	5.5
Subtotal	24.0	7.5	5.8	13.0	12.3
Financial/employment					
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	8.5	0.7	2.9	2.5	3.7
Employment/training assistance	9.5	0.4	0.2	1.8	3.1
Financial assistance/material aid	31.0	1.0	1.2	6.0	10.0
Financial counselling	1.9	0.2	1.2	1.6	1.2
Subtotal	38.9	2.2	5.0	10.9	14.3
Counselling					
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	2.0	0.0	1.3	1.1	1.1
Domestic violence counselling	2.0	0.1	8.1	12.0	5.0
Family/relationship counselling and support	3.2	0.3	2.2	6.3	2.7
Emotional support/Other counselling	3.7	0.6	1.0	3.2	2.0
Subtotal	7.6	0.8	10.5	19.1	8.7
General support/advocacy					
Living skills/personal development	2.1	1.2	0.1	1.3	1.1
Assistance with legal issues/court support	7.3	0.5	7.0	9.0	5.7
Advice/information	5.5	0.2	1.5	1.6	2.3
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	0.9	0.0	1.1	0.5	0.7
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client Subtotal	7.1	0.1	1.1	1.2	2.5
	16.1	2.0	9.3	11.9	9.7
Specialist services					
Psychological services	4.1	0.5	0.7	2.1	1.8
Programmy support	1.1	0.7	0.6	2.6	1.1
Pregnancy support Family planning support	2.2 1.5	0.0 0.0	0.6 0.9	0.5 0.4	0.8 0.7
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.9	2.7
Physical disability services	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.4	0.6
Intellectual disability services	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Culturally appropriate support	1.2	5.3	0.1	1.3	2.1
Interpreter services	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.5
Health/medical services	13.1	4.0	19.9	15.8	13.1
Subtotal	18.7	11.9	22.0	20.3	18.2
Other support					
Meals	3.7	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.3
Laundry/shower facilities	2.9	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.0
Recreation	2.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.7
Transport	4.5	0.5	6.5	0.7	3.3
Brokerage services	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Other	1.4	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.7
Subtotal	7.5	0.9	7.0	1.6	4.6
Total number	1,500	1,500	1,650	1,000	5,600
Notes					

- Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
 Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
 Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Clients were able to receive multiple referrals so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

5.5.7 Support services for accompanying children referred

Table 5.26: Support periods, support services for accompanying children referred by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services for accompanying children referred	South	North	NT
Counselling	0.4	2.8	1.9
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	0.6	1.6	1.2
Access arrangements	0.0	0.4	0.2
Other	1.5	0.4	0.9
Total number	1,900	2,900	4,800

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Accompanying children were able to receive multiple referrals so percentages do not total 100.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.27: Support periods, support services for accompanying children referred by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services for accompanying children referred	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Counselling	0.5	5.1	0.8	7.2	1.9
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	0.6	1.6	0.0	8.3	1.2
Access arrangements	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.7	0.2
Other	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9
Total number	3,000	1,000	550	300	4,800

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Accompanying children were able to receive multiple referrals so percentages do not total 100.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.28: Support periods, support services for accompanying children referred by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services for accompanying children referred	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Counselling	0.9	0.0	1.9	4.6	1.9
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	0.1	0.0	2.3	1.8	1.2
Access arrangements	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2
Other	0.1	0.0	2.2	0.3	0.9
Total number	1,500	700	1,650	1,000	4,800

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Accompanying children were able to receive multiple referrals so percentages do not total 100.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

5.9.8 Unmet demand—SAAP clients

Table 5.29: Support needed by SAAP clients, met and unmet demand by type of support requested, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Met and unmet	Housing/	Financial/ employment		General support, advocacy and	Specialist		
demand	accommodation	assistance	Counselling	information	services	Other	Total
Met							
Provided only	78.5	67.7	79.8	88.5	66.1	94.9	83.6
Referred only	9.4	16.6	7.2	3.3	18.1	1.6	6.9
Provided and referred	4.8	7.8	5.0	4.6	8.8	1.5	4.5
Unmet							
Neither provided nor referred	7.3	8.0	8.0	3.6	7.0	2.1	4.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	5,550	3,700	5,100	9,950	4,650	12,500	41,450

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.30: SAAP clients' unmet needs, type of support requested by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services requested	South	North	NT
Housing/accommodation			
SAAP/CAP accommodation	4.7	2.9	3.7
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	5.2	6.8	6.1
Assistance to obtain independent housing	10.5	9.6	10.0
Subtotal	20.4	19.4	19.8
Financial/employment			
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	7.3	2.1	4.4
Employment/training assistance	7.1	3.7	5.2
Financial assistance/material aid	5.6	4.3	4.9
Financial counselling	3.2	3.4	3.3
Subtotal	23.2	13.5	17.8
Counselling	20.2	70.0	17.0
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	6.0	F 6	E 0
Domestic violence counselling		5.6	5.8
Family/relationship counselling and support	4.0	5.1	4.6 1.2
Emotional support/Other counselling	1.2 3.0	1.1 6.4	4.9
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Subtotal	14.1	18.2	16.4
General support/advocacy			
Living skills/personal development	3.4	5.9	4.8
Assistance with legal issues/court support	6.9	3.2	4.9
Advice/information	1.2	4.9	3.3
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	1.2	1.2	1.2
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	2.9	3.6	3.3
Subtotal	15.7	18.8	17.4
Specialist services			
Psychological services	0.6	1.3	1.0
Psychiatric services	0.3	0.6	0.5
Pregnancy support	1.0	1.3	1.2
Family planning support	0.7	0.4	0.5
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	5.2	4.4	4.7
Physical disability services	0.2	0.1	0.1
Intellectual disability services	0.3	0.3	0.3
Culturally appropriate support	1.1	2.1	1.7
Interpreter services	0.3	0.4	0.4
Health/medical services	5.5	5.6	5.6
Subtotal	15.2	16.5	15.9
Other support			
Meals	1.8	1.7	1.7
Laundry/shower facilities	3.0	2.3	2.6
Recreation	3.1	4.1	3.7
Transport	2.8	4.5	3.7
Brokerage services	0.3	0.7	0.5
Other	0.6	0.4	0.5
Subtotal	11.5	13.7	12.7
	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total			
Total number	900	1,150	2,050

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.31: SAAP clients' unmet needs, type of support requested by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services requested	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Housing/accommodation					
SAAP/CAP accommodation	1.4	9.9	8.0	1.5	3.7
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	6.9	3.5	6.0	4.5	6.1
Assistance to obtain independent housing	8.1	8.8	17.5	4.5	10.0
Subtotal	16.4	22.2	31.4	10.6	19.8
Financial/employment					
Assistance to obtain government benefit/ pension/allowance	2.9	5.8	9.1	0.8	4.4
Employment/training assistance	3.9	9.9	7.6	3.0	5.2
Financial assistance/material aid	5.0	8.8	5.2	1.5	4.9
Financial counselling	3.8	2.9	1.6	4.9	3.3
Subtotal	15.5	27.5	23.5	10.2	17.8
Counselling					
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	6.1	7.0	4.2	6.4	5.8
Domestic violence counselling	4.7	4.7	4.0	5.3	4.6
Family/relationship counselling and support	0.5	1.8	1.6	2.7	1.2
Emotional support/Other counselling	6.0	0.6	1.2	9.8	4.9
Subtotal	17.4	14.0	10.9	24.2	16.4
General support/advocacy					
Living skills/personal development	4.8	3.5	4.6	6.1	4.8
Assistance with legal issues/court support	6.2	3.5	3.8	2.3	4.9
Advice/information	3.7	2.3	2.4	3.8	3.3
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	1.4	0.6	0.6	1.9	1.2
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	3.3	0.6	2.0	7.2	3.3
Subtotal	19.4	10.5	13.3	21.2	17.4
Specialist services					
Psychological services	0.6	0.0	1.6	1.9	1.0
Psychiatric services	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5
Pregnancy support	0.4	0.6	3.0	1.5	1.2
Family planning support	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.5
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	5.0	4.7	3.0	6.8	4.7
Physical disability services	0.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Intellectual disability services	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Culturally appropriate support	1.6 0.5	0.0 0.0	1.6 0.2	3.0 0.4	1.7 0.4
Interpreter services Health/medical services	4.6	8.2	3.4	12.1	5.6
Subtotal	14.1	15.2	14.3	26.9	15.9
Other support		70.2	7 7.0	20.0	70.0
Meals	2.3	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.7
Laundry/shower facilities	3.6	0.6	1.4	1.9	2.6
Recreation	5.0	5.8	0.8	1.9	3.7
Transport	5.8	2.3	1.4	0.4	3.7
Brokerage services	0.3	0.0	1.2	0.8	0.5
Other	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.5
Subtotal	17.2	10.5	6.6	6.8	12.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,100	150	500	250	2,050

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.32: SAAP clients' unmet needs, type of support requested by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services requested	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Housing/accommodation	propro	,			
SAAP/CAP accommodation	5.6	1.6	1.1	2.8	3.7
Assistance to obtain short-term accommodation	5.0	8.6	4.9	8.2	6.1
Assistance to obtain independent housing	13.5	4.3	3.8	9.9	10.0
Subtotal	24.1	14.5	9.8	20.9	19.8
Financial/employment					
Assistance to obtain government benefit/pension/allowance	7.9	0.0	1.9	1.3	4.4
Employment/training assistance	7.7	4.3	1.1	3.8	5.2
Financial assistance/material aid	6.9	4.8	1.1	3.8	4.9
Financial counselling	3.9	2.2	1.9	3.6	3.3
Subtotal	26.4	11.3	6.0	12.5	17.8
Counselling					
Incest/sexual abuse counselling	6.6	7.0	1.9	6.5	5.8
Domestic violence counselling	4.0	4.8	3.3	6.5	4.6
Family/relationship counselling and support	1.4	0.0	2.2	0.4	1.2
Emotional support/Other counselling	2.4	3.8	8.1	7.6	4.9
Subtotal	14.5	15.6	15.4	20.9	16.4
General support/advocacy					
Living skills/personal development	3.8	8.6	2.7	6.6	4.8
Assistance with legal issues/court support	4.6	1.1	11.7	2.1	4.9
Advice/information	1.4	3.2	3.5	6.5	3.3
Retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings	0.7	1.1	3.3	0.8	1.2
Advocacy/liaison on behalf of client	2.6	0.0	8.1	2.3	3.3
Subtotal	13.1	14.0	29.3	18.2	17.4
Specialist services					
Psychological services	0.7	2.7	0.0	1.5	1.0
Psychiatric services	0.3	0.5	0.0	1.1	0.5
Pregnancy support	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.3	1.2
Family planning support	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.5
Drug/alcohol support/rehabilitation	5.0	8.1	3.3	4.2	4.7
Physical disability services Intellectual disability services	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2 0.4	0.1
,	0.1 0.9	0.0 2.7	0.8 1.4	0.4 2.8	0.3 1.7
Culturally appropriate support Interpreter services	0.9	0.0	1.4	0.2	0.4
Health/medical services	4.4	5.9	4.3	8.3	5.6
Subtotal	13.2	21.5	14.1	20.1	15.9
Other support					
Meals	1.1	3.8	1.6	2.1	1.7
Laundry/shower facilities	2.1	5.9	3.8	1.5	2.6
Recreation	2.4	10.2	7.9	0.8	3.7
Transport	2.0	2.7	10.3	2.7	3.7
Brokerage services	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.5
Other	0.5	0.0	8.0	0.4	0.5
Subtotal	8.7	23.1	25.5	7.4	12.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	950	200	350	550	2,050

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0

- Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
 Percentages are based on valid values only.
 Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

5.5.9 Unmet demand—accompanying children

Table 5.33: Support needed by accompanying children, met and unmet demand by type of support requested Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Met and unmet demand	Counselling	Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	Access arrangements	Other	Total
Met					
Provided only	64.9	66.8	30.0	73.7	66.4
Referred only	17.7	18.7	50.0	3.5	15.9
Provided and referred	6.4	5.0	10.0	20.5	8.9
Unmet					
Neither provided	11.1	9.5	10.0	2.3	8.8
nor referred					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	400	250	0	150	850

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.34: Unmet needs of accompanying children, type of support requested by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services requested	South	North	NT
for accompanying children	South	North	INI
Counselling	71.4	59.7	60.8
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	28.6	31.3	31.1
Access arrangements	0.0	3.0	2.7
Other	0.0	6.0	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	0	50	50

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.35: Unmet needs of accompanying children, type of support requested by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services requested for accompanying children	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Counselling	65.9	33.3	50.0	63.2	60.8
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	29.5	55.6	0.0	26.3	31.1
Access arrangements	0.0	11.1	0.0	5.3	2.7
Other	4.5	0.0	50.0	5.3	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	0	0	0	50

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.36: Unmet needs of accompanying children, type of support requested by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Support services requested for accompanying children	Young people	Women escaping DV	Cross target multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Counselling	50.0	64.3	59.1	60.8
Child care, kindergarten/ school liaison	50.0	28.6	31.8	31.1
Access arrangements	0.0	3.6	2.3	2.7
Other	0.0	3.6	6.8	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	0	50	50	50

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions weighted): 0
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

5.5.10 Unmet demand—potential clients

Table 5.37: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by region, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Type of support requested	South	North	NT
Crisis/short-term accommodation	81.8	79.2	79.7
Medium/long-term accommodation	9.1	20.8	18.8
Other	9.1	0.0	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	50	60

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.38: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by primary target group, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Type of support requested	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	55.6	83.3	100.0	88.5	79.7
Medium/long-term accommodation	38.9	16.7	0.0	11.5	18.8
Other	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	20	10	10	30	60

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.39: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by gender of person making request, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Type of support requested	Female	Male	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	87.5	71.0	79.4
Medium/long-term accommodation	9.4	29.0	19.0
Other	3.1	0.0	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	30	30	60

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 1
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.40: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by age of person making request, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Type of support requested	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	Over 65 years	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	100.0	40.0	83.3	96.3	80.0	0.0	78.0
Medium/long-term accommodation	0.0	53.3	16.7	3.7	20.0	100.0	20.3
Other	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	20	10	30	10	0	60

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 5
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. There were very few potential clients who were unable to be supported aged 65 years and over. To ensure confidentiality these cases are not presented separately but are included in the total.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.41: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by ethnicity of person making request, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Type of support requested	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	91.7	75.0	71.0	79.7
Medium/long-term accommodation	4.2	25.0	29.0	18.6
Other	4.2	0.0	0.0	1.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	20	0	30	60

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 5
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.42: Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason support not provided by region, Northern Territory, 12-25 November 1998 (%)

Main reason support not provided	South	North	NT
Insufficient staff	0.0	1.9	1.6
No accommodation available	45.5	84.9	78.1
Facilities for disability needs not available	0.0	1.9	1.6
Facilities for Cultural needs not available	0.0	1.9	1.6
Facilities for Other special needs not available	0.0	3.8	3.1
Other	54.5	5.7	14.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	50	60

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.43: Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason support not provided by type of support requested, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Main reason support not provided	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Other	Total
Insufficient staff	0.0	8.3	0.0	1.6
No accommodation available	78.4	83.3	0.0	78.1
Facilities for disability needs not available	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Facilities for Cultural needs not available	0.0	8.3	0.0	1.6
Facilities for Other special needs not available	3.9	0.0	0.0	3.1
Other	15.7	0.0	100.0	14.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	10	0	60

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.44: Potential clients unable to be supported, living situation the night before requesting assistance by region, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Living situation	South	North	NT
Streets/car/tent/park/squat	12.5	23.5	22.0
Accommodation by friends/relatives on a temporary basis	25.0	51.0	47.5
Single room in a boarding house or hostel	25.0	5.9	8.5
In stable/permanent housing but at risk of eviction or becoming homeless	0.0	13.7	11.9
Other	37.5	5.9	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	50	60

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 5
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.45: Potential clients unable to be supported, living situation the night before requesting assistance by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Living situation	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Streets/car/tent/park/squat	27.3	10.3	0.0	46.7	22.0
Accommodation by friends/relatives on a temporary basis	36.4	72.4	25.0	13.3	47.5
Single room in a boarding house or hostel	0.0	6.9	75.0	0.0	8.5
In stable/permanent housing but at risk of eviction or becoming homeless	0.0	6.9	0.0	33.3	11.9
Other	36.4	3.4	0.0	6.7	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	30	0	20	60

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 5
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.46: Potential clients unable to be supported, living situation the night before requesting assistance by primary target group, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Living situation	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Streets/car/tent/park/squat	12.5	63.6	12.5	12.5	22.0
Accommodation by friends/relatives on a temporary basis	56.3	0.0	70.8	25.0	47.5
Single room in a boarding house or hostel	18.8	9.1	4.2	0.0	8.5
In stable/permanent housing but at risk of eviction or becoming homeless	0.0	0.0	8.3	62.5	11.9
Other	12.5	27.3	4.2	0.0	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	20	10	20	10	60

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 5
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.47: Potential clients unable to be supported, living situation the night before requesting assistance by age of client, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

Living situation	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Streets/car/tent/park/squat	0.0	13.3	0.0	26.9	25.0	100.0	20.0
Accommodation by friends/relatives on a temporary basis	66.7	60.0	83.3	46.2	0.0	0.0	50.9
Single room in a boarding house or hostel	0.0	20.0	0.0	3.8	25.0	0.0	9.1
In stable/permanent housing but at risk of eviction or becoming homeless	0.0	0.0	16.7	19.2	0.0	0.0	10.9
Other	33.3	6.7	0.0	3.8	50.0	0.0	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	0	20	10	30	0	0	60

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 9
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.48: Potential clients unable to be supported, immediacy of need for SAAP accommodation by region, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

SAAP accommodation required	South	North	NT
Within 24 hours	100.0	50.9	58.7
Between 24 and 48 hours	0.0	18.9	15.9
In 2 to 6 days	0.0	5.7	4.8
In 7 to 14 days	0.0	17.0	14.3
In more than 14 days	0.0	7.5	6.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	50	60

Notes

- Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 1
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.49: Potential clients unable to be supported, immediacy of need for SAAP accommodation by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

SAAP accommodation required	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Within 24 hours	100.0	26.7	33.3	86.7	58.7
Between 24 and 48 hours	0.0	26.7	0.0	13.3	15.9
In 2 to 6 days	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	4.8
In 7 to 14 days	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	14.3
In more than 14 days	0.0	6.7	66.7	0.0	6.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	20	30	0	20	60

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 1
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.50: Potential clients unable to be supported, immediacy of need for SAAP accommodation by primary target group, Northern Territory, 12-25 November 1998 (%)

SAAP accommodation required	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Within 24 hours	64.7	91.7	34.6	75.0	58.7
Between 24 and 48 hours	17.6	0.0	19.2	25.0	15.9
In 2 to 6 days	5.9	8.3	3.8	0.0	4.8
In 7 to 14 days	0.0	0.0	34.6	0.0	14.3
In more than 14 days	11.8	0.0	7.7	0.0	6.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	20	10	30	10	60

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 1
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see *potential clients unable to be supported* in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 5.51: Potential clients unable to be supported, immediacy of need for SAAP accommodation by age of client, Northern Territory, 12–25 November 1998 (%)

SAAP accommodation required	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Within 24 hours	100.0	42.9	16.7	59.3	100.0	0.0	56.9
Between 24 and 48 hours	0.0	28.6	50.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	17.2
in 2 to 6 days	0.0	7.1	0.0	3.7	0.0	100.0	5.2
in 7 to 14 days	0.0	7.1	33.3	18.5	0.0	0.0	13.8
in more than 14 days	0.0	14.3	0.0	7.4	0.0	0.0	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	10	10	30	10	0	60

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 6
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

5.5.11 One-off assistance provided—Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.52: Casual clients seeking support or accommodation, one-off assistance provided by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

One-off assistance provided	South	North	NT
Information	41.4	83.2	75.3
Referral for accommodation	31.0	56.0	51.3
Referral for non-accommodation	6.9	24.8	21.4
Meals	10.3	9.6	9.7
Financial assistance/material aid	20.7	5.6	8.4
Transport	3.4	12.0	10.4
Laundry/shower facilities	0.0	4.8	3.9
Emotional support	17.2	43.2	38.3
Other	3.4	4.0	3.9
Total number	750	3,250	4,000

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Persons seeking assistance were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 12-25 November 1998.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.53: Casual clients seeking support or accommodation, one-off assistance provided by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

One-off assistance provided	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Information	69.8	80.0	77.1	77.4	75.3
Referral for accommodation	41.9	40.0	57.1	54.8	51.3
Referral for non- accommodation	16.3	20.0	34.3	0.0	21.4
Meals	18.6	10.0	2.9	12.9	9.7
Financial assistance material aid	7.0	30.0	7.1	6.5	8.4
Transport	7.0	0.0	7.1	25.8	10.4
Laundry/shower facilities	11.6	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.9
Emotional support	18.6	60.0	44.3	45.2	38.3
Other	4.7	10.0	2.9	3.2	3.9
Total number	1,100	250	1,800	800	4,000

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Persons seeking assistance were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 12–25 November 1998.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.54: Casual clients seeking support or accommodation, one-off assistance provided by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

One-off assistance provided	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Information	59.1	76.0	82.8	83.9	75.3
Referral for accommodation	52.3	40.0	62.1	50.0	51.3
Referral for non- accommodation	13.6	0.0	3.4	46.4	21.4
Meals	9.1	20.0	20.7	0.0	9.7
Financial assistance/ material aid	15.9	8.0	6.9	3.6	8.4
Transport	13.6	4.0	31.0	0.0	10.4
Laundry/shower facilities	0.0	0.0	20.7	0.0	3.9
Emotional support	34.1	12.0	55.2	44.6	38.3
Other	9.1	0.0	3.4	1.8	3.9
Total number	1,150	650	750	1,450	4,000

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Persons seeking assistance were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 12-25 November 1998.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.55: Casual clients seeking support or accommodation, one-off assistance provided by age of person, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

One-off assistance provided	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Information	37.5	76.2	81.8	81.5	72.7	100.0	77.3
Referral for accommodation	37.5	64.3	54.5	48.1	45.5	75.0	53.9
Referral for non-accommodation	12.5	19.0	36.4	16.7	18.2	25.0	20.6
Meals	25.0	7.1	9.1	11.1	9.1	25.0	10.6
Financial assistance/material aid	25.0	9.5	13.6	3.7	9.1	25.0	9.2
Transport	0.0	11.9	9.1	14.8	0.0	25.0	11.3
Laundry/shower facilities	0.0	2.4	9.1	5.6	0.0	0.0	4.3
Emotional support	12.5	47.6	59.1	38.9	27.3	25.0	41.8
Other	0.0	7.1	9.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	4.3
Total number	200	1,100	550	1,400	300	100	3,650

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 338
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Persons seeking assistance were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 12–25 November 1998.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.56: Casual clients seeking support or accommodation, one-off assistance provided by presenting unit, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

	Person	Couple without	Person with	Couple with		
One-off assistance provided	alone	children	children	children	Other	Total
Information	72.7	66.7	74.0	100.0	80.0	75.3
Referral for accommodation	53.2	44.4	48.0	61.5	40.0	51.3
Referral for non-accommodation	15.6	44.4	18.0	61.5	0.0	21.4
Meals	11.7	0.0	10.0	0.0	20.0	9.7
Financial assistance/material aid	11.7	0.0	6.0	0.0	20.0	8.4
Transport	5.2	22.2	20.0	0.0	0.0	10.4
Laundry/shower facilities	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	20.0	3.9
Emotional support	28.6	33.3	54.0	38.5	40.0	38.3
Other	5.2	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
Total number	2,000	250	1,300	350	150	4,000

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Persons seeking assistance were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 12–25 November 1998.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

5.5.12 One-off assistance provided—Casual Client Collection

 $Table\ 5.57: Casual\ client\ contacts,\ one-off\ assistance\ provided\ by\ region,\ Northern\ Territory,\ 1998-99\ (\%)$

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One-off assistance provided	South	North	NT
Information	41.7	59.7	57.7
Referral arranged	37.5	30.9	31.6
Emotional support	66.7	35.1	38.6
Meals	12.5	5.2	6.0
Financial/material aid	12.5	45.0	41.4
Transport	62.5	10.5	16.3
Laundry/shower facilities	0.0	2.1	1.9
Other	41.7	12.6	15.8
Total number	600	4,950	5,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Casual clients were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 20 May to 2 June 1999.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Casual Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.58: Casual client contacts, one-off assistance provided by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

One-off assistance provided	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Information	61.1	93.8	0.0	96.9	57.7
Referral arranged	18.5	65.6	0.0	50.0	31.6
Emotional support	37.0	57.8	0.0	81.3	38.6
Meals	16.7	3.1	0.0	6.3	6.0
Financial/ material aid	20.4	3.1	98.5	37.5	41.4
Transport	31.5	3.1	1.5	46.9	16.3
Laundry/shower facilities	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Other	20.4	17.2	0.0	37.5	15.8
Total number	1,400	1,650	1,700	850	5,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Casual clients were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 20 May to 2 June 1999.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Casual Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.59: Casual client contacts, one-off assistance provided by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

One-off assistance provided	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Information	92.0	88.9	73.4	39.3	57.7
Referral arranged	64.0	77.8	40.6	16.2	31.6
Emotional support	44.0	44.4	68.8	20.5	38.6
Meals	8.0	0.0	10.9	3.4	6.0
Financial/material aid	8.0	0.0	28.1	59.0	41.4
Transport	12.0	0.0	48.4	0.9	16.3
Laundry/shower facilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	1.9
Other	36.0	0.0	34.4	2.6	15.8
Total number	650	250	1,650	3,050	5,600

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Casual clients were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 20 May to 2 June 1999.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Casual Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.60: Casual client contacts, one-off assistance provided by presenting unit, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

One-off assistance provided	Person alone	Couple without children	Person with children	Couple with children	Other	Total
Information	52.9	80.0	58.8	69.2	80.0	57.7
Referral arranged	32.8	50.0	27.9	23.1	40.0	31.6
Emotional support	33.6	30.0	48.5	30.8	60.0	38.6
Meals	6.7	0.0	7.4	0.0	0.0	6.0
Financial/material aid	38.7	20.0	54.4	30.8	0.0	41.4
Transport	13.4	0.0	23.5	7.7	40.0	16.3
Laundry/shower facilities	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Other	12.6	10.0	23.5	7.7	20.0	15.8
Total number	3,100	250	1,750	350	150	5,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Casual clients were able to receive more than one type of one-off assistance so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Data are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period 20 May to 2 June 1999.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

6 Circumstances of SAAP clients after support

The overall aim of SAAP is 'to provide transitional supported accommodation and related support services, in order to help people who are homeless to achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence' (Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1994). The Act also states that 'within this aim the goals are:

- (a) to resolve crisis;
- (b) to re-establish family links where appropriate; and
- (c) to re-establish a capacity to live independently of SAAP.'

To enable some assessment about the program's ability to achieve these objectives, this chapter details changes in client's circumstances following the provision of SAAP services. It is important to remember that the achievement of such objectives does not depend on the intervention of SAAP agencies alone—a complex interplay of policies and programs relating to income security, housing and community services, together with the personal circumstances of individuals, will influence outcomes for SAAP clients. Accordingly, findings presented in this chapter can inform policies specifically related to SAAP and those related to other social programs.

Analyses presented here permit comparisons of client circumstances after support: in different regions; for agencies with different target groups and service delivery models; and by clients with different characteristics. However, caution should be exercised when interpreting data in this chapter because the number of cases available for analysis is quite small in several instances.

Circumstances after support in relation to clients' income, housing, labour force status and student status are examined in Tables 6.1–6.38. The populations of all tables in this chapter relate to occasions of support rather than to discrete individuals; they include, for obvious reasons, only those support periods that ended during the year.

6.1 Overview

In the Northern Territory in 3% of support periods clients had no income before support but had some income after support Clients in 9% of cases had no income both before and after receiving support (Table 6.1). An improvement in income status over the support period was more likely to occur when the support period was longer (Table 6.7).

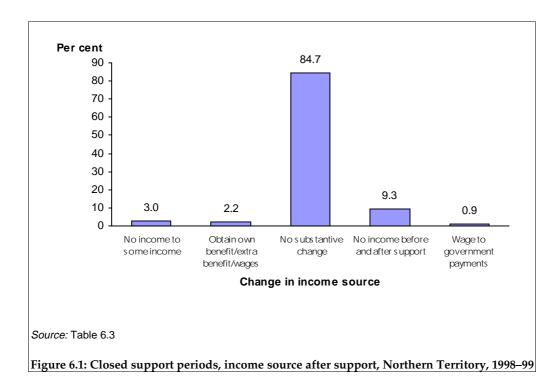
At the conclusion of 78% of support periods, clients were living in housing that could be characterised as 'independent' (Table 6.9). (See Appendix 1 for details of how independent and dependent housing have been defined.) In comparison, clients had been living in independent housing before support in 61% of all support periods (see Chapter 4—Table 4.19). After receiving support, clients in 27% of cases lived in private rental accommodation and in public housing in 25% of cases. In 22% of cases, clients were not living in independent housing, including 8% of support periods in which clients were housed in SAAP accommodation. Housing outcomes varied between the two regions and also according to the service delivery model and target group of different agencies (Tables 6.9–6.11) Variations also occurred across cultural groups (Table 6.14).

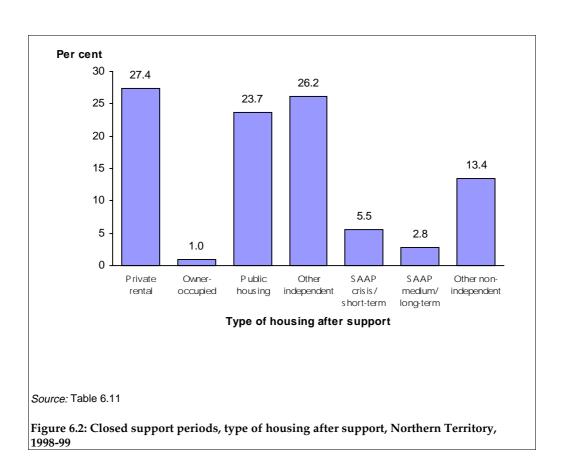
Following 3% of support periods, previously unemployed clients had obtained full-time or part-time work and, in an additional 3% of cases, clients were working on a casual basis (Table 6.17). The proportion of cases in which clients found work varied across regions and also according to agencies' service delivery model and target group (Tables 6.17–6.19). The examination of clients' labour force status after support is limited to those support periods in which clients were unemployed before receiving SAAP assistance. Caution should be exercised when examining the analysis presented here over 350 of all cases have been excluded due to missing data.

Only a small minority of support periods involved clients who were students or trainees prior to receiving assistance (see chapter 4). Of clients who were students before receiving support, 62% were still studying immediately after receiving support (Table 6.25).

Clients who were not students before receiving support undertook studies or employment training after receiving assistance in 1% of cases (Table 6.32). The comparable figure was higher for clients aged 15-19 years (2%) (Table 6.35). Clients who were not students before support undertook studies or employment training in a higher proportion of cases where support was provided for longer periods (Table 6.38).

6.2 Key charts





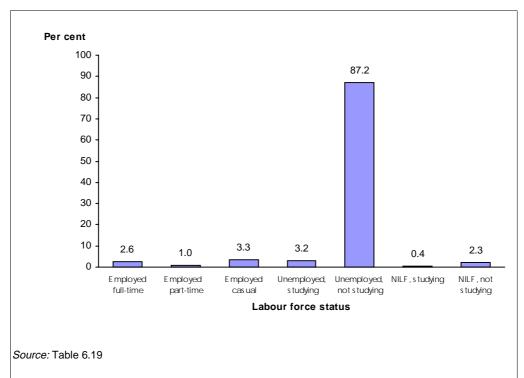


Figure 6.3: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status after support, Northern Territory, 1998–99

6.3 Detailed tables

6.3.1 Change in income source

Table 6.1: Closed support periods, change in income source of client by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Income source change	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
No income to some income	1.7	5.6	4.3	5.4	2.9
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages	2.0	2.6	1.0	4.6	2.2
No substantive change	89.1	76.1	75.8	88.5	85.1
No income before and after support	6.6	14.1	18.6	_	9.0
Wage to government payments/ some income to no income	0.7	1.6	0.3	1.5	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,700	900	350	150	4,100

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 50
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 500
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.2: Closed support periods, change in income source of client by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Income source change	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
No income to some income	5.0	4.6	1.2	1.3	2.9
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages	0.7	8.3	1.0	2.5	2.2
No substantive change	69.9	84.3	95.6	91.3	85.1
No income before and after support	23.4	1.6	1.8	3.6	9.0
Wage to government payments/ some income to no income	1.0	1.3	0.4	1.2	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,300	550	1,500	750	4,100

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 50
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 500
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.3: Closed support periods, change in income source of client by region, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Income source change	South	North	NT
No income to some income	2.9	3.1	3.0
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages	0.7	3.4	2.2
No substantive change	78.4	89.6	84.7
No income before and after support	17.4	2.9	9.3
Wage to government payments/some income to no income	0.7	1.1	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 46
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 417
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 808
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 3,300 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.4: Closed support periods, change in income source by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Income source change	Female	Male	Total
No income to some income	2.2	4.4	2.9
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages	1.0	4.7	2.2
No substantive change	86.9	81.2	85.1
No income before and after support	9.1	8.5	8.9
Wage to government payments/ some income to no income	0.8	1.1	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,800	1,250	4,100

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 51
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 515
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.5: Closed support periods, change in income source by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Income source change	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
No income to some income	2.4	5.2	1.9	1.9	3.0		2.9
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages		0.9	1.9	2.8	4.2		2.2
No substantive change	18.3	72.5	93.3	92.6	90.8	100.0	85.1
No income before and after support	78.2	20.6	2.4	1.7	0.9		9.0
Wage to government payments/ some income to no income	1.1	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.0		0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,150	700	1,800	350	<25	4,100

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 50
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 505
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.6: Closed support periods, change in income source by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Income source change	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
No income to some income	1.8	4.9	4.4	2.9
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages	0.7	9.7	4.1	2.2
No substantive change	86.4	80.6	83.9	85.2
No income before and after support	10.6	4.8	6.4	8.8
Wage to government payments/ some income to no income	0.5	_	1.3	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,300	100	1,550	3,950

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 49
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 636
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.7: Closed support periods, change in income source by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Income source change	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
No income to some income	2.0	1.4	2.9	2.1	3.4	6.8	5.6	2.1	7.9	2.9
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages		0.9	1.9	3.0	2.4	3.3	12.6	17.7		2.2
No substantive change	79.4	91.5	88.3	84.8	79.1	83.2	76.6	74.1	87.7	85.1
No income before and after support	18.6	5.7	5.8	9.7	13.3	5.5	1.0	4.1	4.4	9.0
Wage to government payments/ some income to no income		0.5	1.0	0.5	1.8	1.2	4.2	2.0		0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	650	1,200	550	450	550	500	100	50	50	4,100

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 50
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 506
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.8: Closed support periods, change in income source by duration of client's current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Income source change	0–2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
No income to some income	1.8	1.7	3.0	3.7	3.3	3.8	4.4	2.8
Obtain own benefit/ extra benefit/wages	1.4	2.8	2.2	2.3	1.1	5.1	4.7	2.7
No substantive change	90.9	91.3	86.5	72.2	79.1	74.5	81.9	85.8
No income before and after support	5.7	4.2	7.4	21.9	16.6	15.2	7.5	7.9
Wage to government payments/ some income to no income	0.3		0.9			1.4	1.6	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,100	200	250	100	100	200	700	2,650

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 39
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,982
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

6.3.2 Type of housing after support

Table 6.9: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing after support	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Independent housing					
Private rental	23.3	34.0	28.8	27.0	26.8
Owner-occupied	0.5	0.9	5.1	7.5	1.4
Public housing	29.5	16.5	11.6	35.2	24.6
Other	26.5	24.0	31.4	9.1	25.6
Non-independent housing					
SAAP crisis/short term	3.2	8.8	6.5	7.4	5.2
SAAP medium/long term	2.0	4.1	3.8	3.9	2.8
Other	15.0	11.8	12.8	9.8	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,900	800	350	150	3,150

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,470
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections Table

6.10: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing after support	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Independent housing					
Private rental	24.1	34.7	16.1	43.4	26.8
Owner-occupied		0.4	1.3	4.5	1.4
Public housing	8.9	3.9	46.1	29.4	24.6
Other	37.9	35.9	19.5	8.5	25.6
Non-independent housing					
SAAP crisis/short term	8.2	5.1	3.8	2.1	5.2
SAAP medium/long term	5.8	0.9	0.5	2.0	2.8
Other	15.1	19.1	12.7	10.0	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,150	350	1,000	650	3,150

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,470
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.11: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing after support	South	North	NT
Independent housing			
Private rental	17.7	36.0	27.4
Owner-occupied	0.1	1.9	1.0
Public housing	20.8	26.1	23.7
Other	36.7	16.9	26.2
Non-independent housing			
SAAP crisis/short term	6.4	4.7	5.5
SAAP medium/long term	4.1	1.6	2.8
Other	14.2	12.7	13.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,200	1,400	2,600

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 7
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 1,186
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 808
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 2,600 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.12: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Type of housing after support	Female	Male	Total
Independent housing			
Private rental	24.9	31.0	26.7
Owner-occupied	1.8	0.4	1.4
Public housing	31.5	8.0	24.6
Other	23.2	31.6	25.7
Non-independent housing			
SAAP crisis/short term	4.3	7.1	5.1
SAAP medium/long term	2.1	4.5	2.8
Other	12.1	17.5	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,200	950	3,150

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 7
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,483
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.13: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing after support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Independent housing							
Private rental	7.9	23.8	31.3	26.5	37.0	27.3	26.7
Owner-occupied		_	0.2	2.3	4.8	7.8	1.4
Public housing	9.7	6.9	29.9	38.3	16.5	8.4	24.6
Other	55.7	38.8	21.0	16.0	23.1	21.9	25.6
Non-independent housing							
SAAP crisis/short term	2.2	10.2	2.0	3.3	4.2		5.2
SAAP medium/long term		6.9	1.9	0.8	0.9		2.8
Other	24.5	13.4	13.7	12.8	13.5	34.7	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	950	550	1,300	250	<25	3,150

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,472
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.14: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing after support	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Independent housing				
Private rental	13.8	53.3	42.8	26.4
Owner-occupied	0.7	_	2.5	1.4
Public housing	35.1	12.2	10.2	24.6
Other	30.1	11.1	21.3	26.1
Non-independent housing				
SAAP crisis/short term	3.6	10.0	7.1	5.2
SAAP medium/long term	0.5	3.0	5.6	2.6
Other	16.1	10.4	10.5	13.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,750	50	1,200	3,050

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,581
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.15: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing after support	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Independent housing										
Private rental	24.0	22.2	23.1	22.3	27.0	36.2	49.9	43.4	38.9	26.8
Owner-occupied	2.3	0.9	0.3	_		2.0	10.7	_	9.5	1.4
Public housing	15.0	32.6	30.9	27.4	16.3	21.6	23.5	36.2	38.5	24.5
Other	34.3	25.8	28.5	31.4	24.0	16.9	10.5	4.0	8.6	25.6
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	3.3	2.9	4.0	3.8	10.5	9.4	1.1	2.0	_	5.2
SAAP medium/long term	5.6	0.1	0.3	1.4	5.3	4.5	1.1	5.9	_	2.8
Other	15.4	15.5	12.9	13.7	16.8	9.5	3.2	8.4	4.5	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	550	800	400	300	500	450	100	50	50	3,150

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,475
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.16: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by duration of client's current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing after support	0–2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Independent housing								
Private rental	19.1	28.1	35.4	24.0	12.9	21.1	30.8	25.0
Owner-occupied	0.3	_	2.8		_	4.1	1.2	1.0
Public housing	34.6	27.2	21.6	19.3	25.4	17.6	19.9	26.3
Other	27.7	23.7	17.4	26.9	31.5	27.8	29.2	27.0
Non-independent housing								
SAAP crisis/short term	2.2	6.4	9.8	10.1	5.6	5.7	4.4	4.6
SAAP medium/long term	1.6	0.8	1.3	3.6	4.5	4.6	3.2	2.3
Other	14.5	13.8	11.7	16.2	20.0	19.1	11.2	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	750	150	200	50	100	150	600	2,000

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 5
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 2,661
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

6.3.3 Unemployed persons—labour force status after support

Table 6.17: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Employed full time	2.2	3.3	1.1	4.3	2.4
Employed part time	0.7	1.8			0.9
Employed on casual basis	2.9	4.4	1.2		2.9
Unemployed—studying	2.4	4.9	4.5		3.1
Unemployed—not studying	90.3	83.5	91.5	57.9	88.0
Not in labour force—studying	0.1		1.7		0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	1.4	2.1		37.8	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,050	350	200	50	1,700

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 438
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.18: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Employed full time	1.5	7.0	0.5	2.6	2.4
Employed part time	0.5	2.7	0.5	_	0.9
Employed on casual basis	1.6	10.5		2.4	2.9
Unemployed—studying	5.7	0.3	2.3	0.9	3.1
Unemployed—not studying	89.6	78.2	91.6	89.6	88.0
Not in labour force—studying	0.5			0.5	0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	0.7	1.3	5.1	4.0	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	700	300	450	200	1,700

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 438
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.19: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	South	North	NT
Employed full time	1.1	4.1	2.6
Employed part time	0.5	1.4	1.0
Employed on casual basis	1.4	5.0	3.3
Unemployed—studying	4.8	1.8	3.2
Unemployed—not studying	90.3	84.4	87.2
Not in labour force—studying	0.6	0.3	0.4
Not in labour force—not studying	1.4	3.1	2.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 352
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 808
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 1,350 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.20: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Female	Male	Total
Employed full time	0.6	4.6	2.4
Employed part time	0.4	1.5	0.9
Employed on casual basis	0.7	5.7	2.9
Unemployed—studying	3.3	3.0	3.1
Unemployed—not studying	92.0	83.0	88.0
Not in labour force—studying	0.1	0.5	0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	3.0	1.7	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	950	750	1,700

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 442
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.21: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	Total
Employed full time		1.7	2.1	2.8	5.0	2.4
Employed part time	_	0.6	_	1.6	0.0	0.9
Employed on casual basis		1.6	1.8	3.7	9.5	2.9
Unemployed—studying	12.7	5.5	1.9	1.7		3.1
Unemployed—not studying	81.9	89.5	92.2	85.7	83.5	88.0
Not in labour force—studying		0.4	0.4	0.2		0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	5.5	0.8	1.6	4.3	2.0	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	<50	600	300	700	100	1,700

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 439
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. There were very few closed support periods for clients who were 65 years and over and who were unemployed before support. To ensure confidentiality, these cases are not presented separately but are included in the total.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.22: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status	Indigenous	Non-English- speaking	Other	Tatal
after support	Australian	background	Other	Total
Employed full time	0.8	_	4.3	2.4
Employed part time	0.1		1.5	0.7
Employed on casual basis	0.5	4.7	6.0	3.0
Unemployed—studying	2.6		3.7	3.1
Unemployed—not studying	93.7	95.3	81.1	88.2
Not in labour force—studying		_	0.6	0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	2.3		2.7	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	900	50	750	1,650

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 474
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.23: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Employed full time	0.5	1.7	0.4	3.2	3.5	3.9	11.5	26.0		2.4
Employed part time	0.5	_	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.8			11.4	0.9
Employed on casual basis		2.5	2.7	3.2	4.1	4.8	7.3	10.4	13.2	2.9
Unemployed—studying	4.3	2.3	2.7	0.6	4.9	4.3		8.2		3.1
Unemployed—not studying	94.1	92.1	91.8	88.6	85.2	75.0	73.3	47.2	50.5	88.1
Not in labour force— studying	-	-			0.4	1.8				0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	0.6	1.5	1.1	3.4	0.5	8.5	8.0	8.2	25.0	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	250	500	250	200	250	200	50	<25	<25	1,700

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 439
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.24: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by duration of client's current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	0–2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4–26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Employed full time	2.9	4.3	2.9	1.8		2.5	2.8	2.8
Employed part time	2.1			2.1			1.0	1.2
Employed on casual basis	1.5	1.6	4.9	0.0	2.7	1.5	6.7	3.4
Unemployed—studying	1.8	3.1	8.8	2.1	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.1
Unemployed—not studying	87.5	89.4	83.4	76.4	88.0	94.1	83.7	86.0
Not in labour force—studying		1.6		_			0.7	0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	4.2		_	17.5	5.9		1.9	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	400	50	100	50	50	100	350	1,100

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,032
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

6.3.4 Students—labour force status after support

Table 6.25: Closed support periods in which clients were students before support, labour force status of client after support by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Employed full time	8.8	8.5	18.6		10.3
Employed part time	7.5	4.3	10.9	70.1	9.0
Employed on casual basis	4.0	8.7	6.5	19.0	6.8
Unemployed—studying	19.7	9.8	6.5		12.6
Unemployed—not studying	5.9	4.8	4.8		5.1
Not in labour force—studying	43.1	58.9	51.0	10.8	49.6
Not in labour force—not studying	11.0	5.1	1.6	_	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	150	150	50	<25	350

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 369
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.26: Closed support periods in which clients were students before support, labour force status of client after support by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	South	North	NT
Employed full time	7.5	21.8	13.2
Employed part time	4.8	9.7	6.8
Employed on casual basis	7.0	7.3	7.1
Unemployed—studying	14.4	7.3	11.6
Unemployed—not studying	3.2	7.3	4.8
Not in labour force—studying	56.7	38.7	49.5
Not in labour force—not studying	6.4	8.1	7.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 311
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 808
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client nonconsent. 300 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.27: Closed support periods in which clients were students before support, labour force status of client after support by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Female	Male	Total
Employed full time	13.0	2.7	10.4
Employed part time	8.9	6.3	8.2
Employed on casual basis	6.7	7.5	6.9
Unemployed—studying	11.2	17.3	12.7
Unemployed—not studying	4.5	7.0	5.1
Not in labour force—studying	48.6	54.4	50.1
Not in labour force—not studying	7.2	4.8	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	250	100	350

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 371
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.28: Closed support periods in which clients were students before support, labour force status of client after support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25 years and over	Total
Employed full time		6.9	11.5	21.7	10.3
Employed part time		6.7	11.7	16.8	9.0
Employed on casual basis	3.2	8.1	4.2	6.1	6.8
Unemployed—studying	7.7	12.0	14.1	15.4	12.6
Unemployed—not studying		5.4	9.4	4.8	5.1
Not in labour force—studying	89.2	56.8	37.3	22.5	49.6
Not in labour force—not studying		4.1	11.8	12.7	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	200	50	100	350

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 369
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.29: Closed support periods in which clients were students before support, labour force status of client after support by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status	Indigenous	Non-English- speaking		
after support	Australian	background	Other	Total
Employed full time	9.8	9.9	11.6	10.7
Employed part time	4.0		14.6	9.0
Employed on casual basis	1.3	29.7	11.2	7.0
Unemployed—studying	12.1	29.7	11.4	12.3
Unemployed—not studying	3.9	8.5	5.6	4.9
Not in labour force—studying	61.2	22.1	40.1	49.8
Not in labour force—not studying	7.7		5.4	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	150	<25	150	350

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 380
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.30: Closed support periods in which clients were students before support, labour force status of client after support by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Employed full time	13.8	5.0	6.6	13.9	4.0	12.1	27.7		_	10.3
Employed part time	7.3		12.3	13.9	3.9	12.2	24.0	20.0	31.8	9.0
Employed on casual basis	5.3	8.0	4.5	3.4	11.6	6.2	5.4		16.6	6.8
Unemployed — studying	11.9	19.9	25.3	13.7	11.6	6.2		20.0	_	12.6
Unemployed — not studying		1.8	16.7		9.9	5.9	10.7	20.0		5.1
Not in labour force — studying	61.6	53.0	12.8	55.0	50.8	51.6	26.9	40.0	34.9	49.6
Not in labour force — not studying		12.3	21.8		8.2	5.9	5.4		16.6	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	50	50	50	50	50	<25	<25	<25	350

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 369
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.31: Closed support periods in which clients were students before support, labour force status of client after support by duration of client's current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	0-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Employed full time	6.5		4.4	19.7	5.0	10.9		5.6
Employed part time	8.5	22.6	5.0			27.4	8.4	10.2
Employed on casual basis	1.8	7.9	10.5	19.6	4.8	13.7	10.0	7.8
Unemployed—studying	15.3	7.9	31.4	_	5.4	5.2	11.5	12.5
Unemployed—not studying	6.5		8.5	9.8	13.0		7.3	6.5
Not in labour force—studying	47.4	53.7	35.2	50.9	71.7	42.8	57.8	50.9
Not in labour force—not studying	14.0	7.9	5.0				5.0	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	<25	<25	<25	<25	50	50	200

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 527
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

6.3.5 Non-students—student status after support

Table 6.32: Closed support periods in which clients were not students before support, student status of client after support by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Student status after support	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Primary/secondary	0.2	0.7	1.6		0.4
Post-secondary/ employment training	0.3	1.9	1.6	_	0.7
Not studying	99.5	97.4	96.8	100.0	98.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,600	700	300	150	3,750

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 519
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.33: Closed support periods in which clients were not students before support, student status of client after support by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Student status after support	South	North	NT
Primary/secondary	0.6	0.2	0.4
Post-secondary/employment training	0.6	1.1	0.9
Not studying	98.9	98.7	98.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 467
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 808
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 3,000 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 6.34: Closed support periods in which clients were not students before support, student status of client after support by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Student status after support	Female	Male	Total
Primary/secondary	0.4	0.4	0.4
Post-secondary/employment training	0.7	0.8	0.7
Not studying	98.9	98.8	98.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,500	1,200	3,700

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 535
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.35: Closed support periods in which clients were not students before support, student status of client after support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Student status after support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25-44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Primary/secondary		1.3		0.1			0.4
Post-secondary/ employment training		0.6	1.6	0.6		-	0.7
Not studying	100.0	98.0	98.4	99.2	100.0	100.0	98.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	900	650	1,750	350	50	3,750

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 523
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.36: Closed support periods in which clients were not students before support, student status of client after support by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Student status	Indigenous	Non-English- speaking		
after support	Australian	background	Other	Total
Primary/secondary	0.3		0.6	0.4
Post-secondary/ employment training	0.5		1.2	0.7
Not studying	99.2	100.0	98.3	98.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,100	100	1,400	3,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 645
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 6.37: Closed support periods in which clients were not students before support, student status of client after support by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Student status after support	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Primary/secondary	_	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.4	0.5			5.2	0.4
Post-secondary/ employment training		0.1	0.2	_	1.2	2.9	1.0	6.8	_	0.7
Not studying	100.0	99.8	99.5	99.7	97.4	96.6	99.0	93.2	94.8	98.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	500	1,150	550	400	500	450	100	50	<25	3,750

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 525
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 6.38: Closed support periods in which clients were not students before support, student status of client after support by duration of client's current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Student status after support	0–2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Primary/secondary		0.7	2.3	-	1.4		0.5	0.4
Post-secondary/ employment training	0.3		2.3	1.4		0.8	1.4	0.8
Not studying	99.7	99.3	95.4	98.6	98.6	99.2	98.0	98.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,050	200	200	100	100	150	650	2,400

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,838
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

PART B

Longitudinal analysis

7 Cross-period analysis

Part A of this report focused principally on the services needed and provided, and the circumstances of clients before and after each occasion of support. Clearly, it is also of interest to know about longer term outcomes for clients and patterns of service use over time. The use of an alpha code in the SAAP National Data Collection permits longitudinal analysis to be undertaken and in future reports, as data for longer time periods become available, this analysis will take on increasing importance.

7.1 Client re-entry into SAAP

The analysis presented here focuses on the number of times clients accessed the program between 1 July 1998 and 30 June 1999. On average, clients received support on 2.14 occasions in this period. The majority of clients (57%) accessed the program only once; 19% were supported on two separate occasions; 10% received three support periods; and 6% of clients returned to SAAP at least six times during the year (Figure 7.1).

There were some differences in the number of support periods per client across gender, age and cultural groups (Tables 7.1–7.2). Female clients were more likely to have had only one support period—63% compared with 48% of male clients (Table 7.1). There was some variation in this gender difference with age. For example, 74% of female clients aged 45-64 years received support on only one occasion, whereas the proportion for male clients of the same age group was 45%.

There were some small differences in patterns of service use between clients of different ethnicities in terms of the number of times clients received support. A slightly higher proportion of Indigenous clients received support on only one occasion (60%) compared with clients from non-English-speaking backgrounds (57%) and clients from other English-speaking backgrounds (54%) (Table 7.2).

Younger clients who were escaping domestic violence tended to receive support more often than older clients. Forty-one per cent of those aged 15–19 years used SAAP services on only one occasion, while the comparable figures for those aged 25–44 years and 45–64 years were 63% and 57% respectively (Table 7.3). Irrespective of ethnicity, 57% of clients escaping domestic violence used SAAP services on one occasion (Table 7.4).

Among service delivery models, repeat use of SAAP services was most common among clients who first approached multiple service model agencies (54%)—the proportion across all service delivery models was 43% (Table 7.5). A relatively high proportion of clients who first approached agencies targeting women escaping domestic violence (61%) received support on only one occasion, compared with clients first presenting at single men's agencies (44%) among whom repeat use was highest (Table 7.6).

7.2 Comparison of reporting periods

The following analysis relates to the three reporting periods—1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99. This year the data have been adjusted to account for agency non-participation and client non-consent as described in Section 1.4. For comparison purposes the previous years' figures have also been adjusted and these weighted data are given in the tables and described here. The unweighted figures for 1996–97 and 1997–98 are also provided in Table 7.8 to allow comparison.

In the Northern Territory agency participation increased from 93% in 1996–97 to 100% in 1997-98 and remained at full participation for 1998–99 (Table 7.7). Participation has been at 100% for all three reporting periods for the South region.

The proportion of forms returned with consent and a valid alpha code rose from 57% in 1996–97 to 66% in 1997–98 and up to 74% in 1998–99 (Table 7.7). Both regions showed improvement in consent rates over the three years; however, consent rates rose most dramatically in the South region, rising from 36% in 1996–97 to 55% in 1997–98 and to 68% in 1998–99.

Overall it is estimated that there were 4,850 support periods in the Northern Territory in 1996–97. This rose to 5,500 in 1997–98, and up to 5,600 in 1998–99 (Table 7.8). The number of clients provided with SAAP services showed a similar pattern over the three years. In 1996–97, an estimated 2,550 clients were provided with support. This increased to 3,050 in 1997–98 and to 3,300 clients in 1998–99. The number of accompanying children visits rose from 1,850 in 1996–97 to 2,350 in 1997–98, and fell back to 2,200 in 1998–99 (Table 7.12).

There were some changes in the distribution of support periods among primary target groups between 1996–97 and 1998–99. Young people's agencies accounted for 21% of all support periods in the Northern Territory in 1996–97 but 27% in 1998–99, while single men's agencies reported 32% of support periods in 1996–97 but 26% in 1998–99 (Table 7.9).

The analysis presented below compares client characteristics, circumstances and service provision across the three reporting periods. The overall impression is one of consistency across the three years.

The age distribution of SAAP clients for the three reporting periods is presented in Table 7.10. The main difference between the three years was an increase in the number of clients aged 15 to 19 years old. In 1996–97 13% of clients were in this age group. This rose to 19% in 1997–98 and to 20% in 1998–99. With respect to the ethnicity of clients, there was an increase in the proportion of clients who were Indigenous —from 39% of clients in 1996–97 to 40% in 1997–98 and 46% in 1998–99 (Tables 7.11). There was little variation in the presenting unit of clients across the years (Table 7.12).

Over the three reporting years there was a shift in duration of support from less than four days to support periods lasting between four days and three months. Support periods that lasted less than four days decreased from 56% of support periods in the first year to 48% in the third, while support periods of between four days and three months accounted for 34% of support periods in 1996–97 but 47% in 1998–99 (Table 7.13). The increase was most noticeable for support periods lasting between one and four weeks, with these accounting for 14% of support periods in 1996–97 but 22% in 1998–99.

There was little variation in the type of accommodation provided across these reporting periods: accommodation was arranged and paid for by SAAP in slightly fewer support periods in 1998–99 (3% of support periods in which clients were accommodated) than in 1996-97 (1%) (Table 7.14).

Reflecting the change in duration of support, there was a shift in the duration of accommodation from short to longer periods. In particular, in 1996–97 accommodation lasted less than four days for 58% of support periods in which clients

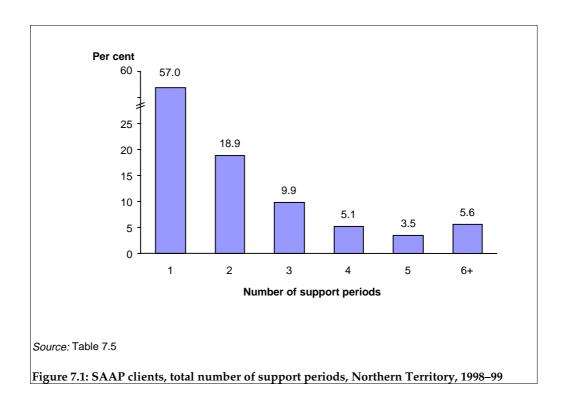
were accommodated and between one and four weeks for 15% of such support periods; the corresponding figures for 1998–99 were 50% and 21% (Table 7.15).

Across the three periods there was a notable rise in the proportion of support periods in which a support plan was in place—support plans were in place in 29% of support periods in 1996–97 and in 50% of support periods in 1997–98 (Table 7.16). The figure for 1998-99 was 68%. Both the proportion of support periods in which support plans were appropriate but were not in place and the proportion of support periods in which support plans were thought not to be appropriate fell over the three reporting periods.

The housing situation and labour force status of clients after support showed a shift over the three years. For example, the percentage of cases concluding with the client in private rental accommodation was 37% in 1996–97, 30% in 1997-8 and 27% in 1998-99 (Table 7.17). Also, the number of clients who were unemployed before support and who were unemployed and not studying after support was 82% in the first reporting period. This rose to 86% in the second reporting period and to 88% in the third reporting period (Table 7.18). The proportion of such clients being employed at the end of their support periods showed a corresponding fall.

Across the Northern Territory, the estimated numbers of people who made unsuccessful requests for SAAP support or accommodation during the two-week Unmet Demand Collection rose between the 1997 and 1998 surveys—50 in the period 13–26 November 1997 compared with 90 in the period 12–25 November 1998 (AIHW 2000: 163).

7.3 Key Charts



7.4 Detailed tables

7.4.1 Client re-entry into SAAP

Table 7.1: SAAP clients, total number of support periods by age of client and gender, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

	Female clients						
Total number of support periods	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
1	56.9	54.9	62.2	66.4	73.6	85.5	63.4
2	19.5	21.1	17.1	17.3	11.6	14.5	17.8
3	11.1	8.1	10.8	9.0	3.6		8.8
4	2.4	4.7	4.6	3.2	6.3		4.0
5	5.4	3.6	2.5	2.0	1.7		2.5
6+	4.7	7.7	2.8	2.0	3.2		3.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	400	350	900	100	<25	1,850
	Male clients						
Total number of support periods	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
1	61.9	55.5	52.4	45.7	44.9	26.6	48.1
2	19.1	20.1	19.7	20.2	21.7	38.6	20.6

support periods	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
1	61.9	55.5	52.4	45.7	44.9	26.6	48.1
2	19.1	20.1	19.7	20.2	21.7	38.6	20.6
3	6.5	9.4	9.1	12.5	12.5	11.6	11.4
4		3.9	5.9	7.5	8.6	5.2	6.7
5	6.0	3.0	5.5	4.6	6.4	6.0	4.8
6+	6.5	8.1	7.4	9.6	5.9	12.0	8.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	<25	250	200	650	250	<25	1,400

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 23
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- 6. Clients that received SAAP assistance in Northern Territory may also have received assistance in Other jurisdictions. Total number of support periods refers to all support periods ever received by a client.

Table 7.2: SAAP clients, total number of support periods by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Total number of support periods	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
1	59.8	56.8	53.8	56.6
2	19.5	16.5	18.6	18.9
3	9.9	13.5	9.9	10.1
4	4.3	5.2	6.0	5.2
5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6
6+	3.8	3.9	7.3	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,450	100	1,600	3,200

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 99
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- 6. Clients that received SAAP assistance in Northern Territory may also have received assistance in Other jurisdictions. Total number of support periods refers to all support periods ever received by a client.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 7.3: SAAP clients escaping domestic violence, total number of support periods by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Total number of support periods	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
1	44.2	40.5	55.9	62.5	57.3	100.0	57.3
2	17.3	20.5	18.4	19.4	18.5		19.2
3	13.7	12.5	11.1	10.1	7.9		10.6
4	4.8	7.2	6.0	3.9	11.1		5.2
5	10.9	5.4	3.0	2.1	1.5		2.9
6+	9.2	13.9	5.6	2.0	3.7		4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	200	250	750	50	<25	1,250

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- 6. Clients that received SAAP assistance in Northern Territory may also have received assistance in Other jurisdictions. Total number of support periods refers to all support periods ever received by a client.

Table 7.4: SAAP clients escaping domestic violence, total number of support periods by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Total number of support periods	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
1	57.1	57.4	57.3	57.2
2	19.8	9.5	16.5	18.9
3	10.8	5.3	11.4	10.8
4	5.0	21.5	4.6	5.2
5	3.1	6.3	2.6	3.1
6+	4.3		7.6	4.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	900	50	250	1,200

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 59
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- 6. Clients that received SAAP assistance in Northern Territory may also have received assistance in Other jurisdictions. Total number of support periods refers to all support periods ever received by a client.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 7.5: SAAP clients, total number of support periods by service delivery model of agency first visited, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Total number of support periods	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
1	57.7	66.2	55.6	45.8	57.0
2	18.7	19.5	15.9	20.9	18.9
3	10.5	6.6	8.3	12.6	9.9
4	5.0	2.7	4.7	8.3	5.1
5	3.3	2.3	2.9	5.4	3.5
6+	4.8	2.8	12.6	6.9	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,700	650	350	600	3,300

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- 6. Clients that received SAAP assistance in Northern Territory may also have received assistance in Other jurisdictions. Total number of support periods refers to all support periods ever received by a client.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 7.6: SAAP clients, total number of support periods by primary target group of agency first visited, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Total number of support periods	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
1	55.0	43.5	60.5	71.9	57.0
2	19.7	21.3	19.6	14.7	18.9
3	9.5	12.9	9.5	6.9	9.9
4	4.3	8.0	5.2	2.3	5.1
5	3.3	5.7	2.9	1.4	3.5
6+	8.3	8.6	2.4	2.7	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	750	950	800	800	3,300

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- Clients that received SAAP assistance in Northern Territory may also have received assistance in Other jurisdictions.
 Total number of support periods refers to all support periods ever received by a client.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

7.4.2 Comparison of reporting periods

Table 7.7: SAAP Client Collection, number of forms and agency participation and valid alpha code rates by region, Northern Territory, 1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99

	1996–97				1997–98		1998–99		
Region	Total forms	Participation rate (%)	Valid alpha code (%)	Total forms	Participation rate (%)	Valid alpha code (%)	Total forms	Participation rate (%)	Valid alpha code (%)
South	1,523	100.0	35.9	1,883	100.0	54.9	1,903	100.0	67.6
North	3,092	91.3	67.1	3,358	100.0	71.8	3,719	100.0	76.7
NT	4,615	93.3	56.8	5,241	100.0	65.7	5,622	100.0	73.6

Note: Valid alpha code refers here to all forms with a valid alpha code that were completed with consent (see Glossary). *Source:* SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections

Table 7.8: SAAP Client Collection, support periods and clients by method, Northern Territory, 1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99

	1996–97		1997–9	1997–98		
	Old method	New method	Old method	New method	New method	
Support periods	4,615	4,850	5,241	5,500	5,600	
Clients	3,150	2,550	3,600	3,050	3,300	

- 1. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 4. Support period figures using new method have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.
- 5. Client figures using new method have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent. Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 7.9: Support periods, primary target group by reporting period, Northern Territory (%)

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Primary target group	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Young people	20.6	24.7	26.6
Single men only	32.2	27.8	26.2
Women escaping domestic violence	28.7	27.3	29.8
Cross target/multiple/general/families/ single women only	18.5	20.2	17.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Number	4,850	5,500	5,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 0
- 3. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 4. Support period figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.
- 5. Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections

Table 7.10: SAAP clients, age of client by reporting period, Northern Territory (%)

Age of client	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Under 15 years	0.8	1.4	2.3
15–19 years	12.7	19.0	20.1
20–24 years	18.6	17.5	16.3
25–29 years	16.0	15.0	14.3
30–34 years	14.8	12.9	14.3
35–39 years	13.1	11.3	11.4
40-44 years	8.8	9.8	8.6
45–49 years	6.5	5.2	5.2
50–54 years	3.7	3.4	3.8
55–59 years	1.9	1.8	2.0
60-64 years	1.1	1.1	0.8
65 years and over	1.9	1.5	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,550	3,050	3,250

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 6
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 7.11: SAAP clients, ethnicity of client by reporting period, Northern Territory (%)

Ethnicity	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Indigenous Australian	39.3	40.3	45.5
Non-English-speaking background	3.8	4.5	3.9
Other	57.0	55.3	50.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,450	2,950	3,200

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 317
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Table 7.12: Support periods, presenting unit and number of accompanying children visits by reporting period, Northern Territory (%)

Family type	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Person alone	74.8	73.4	74.5
Couple without children	1.9	1.6	1.8
Person with children	20.1	20.7	20.6
Couple with children	2.3	3.4	2.5
Other	0.9	1.0	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of support periods	4,750	5,400	5,550
Number of accompanying children visits	1,850	2,350	2,200

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 30
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 209
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. An accompanying child may be counted in more than one support period.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 7.13: Closed support periods, duration of support by reporting period, Northern Territory, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (%)

Duration of support	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
1 day or less	16.8	20.1	14.8
2–3 days	39.6	34.2	33.0
4–7 days	13.2	13.1	13.9
>1-2 weeks	7.5	8.8	10.3
>2-4 weeks	6.6	7.9	11.3
>4-13 weeks	10.3	11.0	11.6
>13-26 weeks	4.3	2.8	3.1
>26-52 weeks	1.3	1.3	1.4
>52 weeks	0.4	0.9	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	4,450	5,200	5,400

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 376
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Table 7.14: Support periods in which clients were accommodated, accommodation provided by reporting period, Northern Territory, 1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99 (%)

Accommodation type	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Crisis/short-term accommodation	93.2	94.6	94.8
Medium/long-term accommodation	4.8	5.3	4.9
Other SAAP	3.0	0.3	0.7
Total number	3,450	3,650	3,800

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 831
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Clients were able to be accommodated on more than one occasion in each support period so percentages do not total 100.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 7.15: Closed support periods in which clients were accommodated, duration of supported accommodation by reporting period, Northern Territory, 1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99 (%)

Duration of accommodation	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
1 day or less	30.9	30.6	26.8
2–3 days	26.7	22.2	23.4
4–7 days	17.7	18.0	18.4
>1-2 weeks	9.2	10.5	12.3
>2-4 weeks	5.9	7.3	8.5
>4-13 weeks	7.4	8.1	7.7
>13-26 weeks	1.4	2.1	1.7
>26-52 weeks	0.7	0.6	0.8
>52 weeks	0.3	0.5	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,350	3,750	3,650

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 181
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 444
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Table 7.16: Support periods, existence of a support plan by reporting period, Northern Territory, 1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99 (%)

Existence of support plan	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Support plan	28.9	50.4	68.0
No support plan	23.0	20.0	10.7
Not appropriate	48.2	29.6	21.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	3,300	4,400	4,700

- Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 44
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 796
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 7.17: Closed support periods, client's type of housing after support by reporting period, Northern Territory, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (%)

Type of housing after support	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Independent housing			
Private rental	36.6	29.9	26.8
Owner-occupied	0.7	0.9	1.4
Public housing	27.5	31.3	24.6
Other	12.0	17.2	25.6
Non-independent housing			
SAAP crisis/short term	4.6	4.5	5.2
SAAP medium/long term	1.1	1.8	2.8
Other	17.4	14.4	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,050	2,950	3,150

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 36
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 4,542
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Table 7.18: Closed support periods in which clients were unemployed before support, labour force status of client after support by reporting period, Northern Territory, 1996–97, 1997–98 and 1998–99 (%)

Labour force status after support	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Employed full time	8.0	4.6	2.4
Employed part time	1.5	1.0	0.9
Employed on casual basis	2.6	2.8	2.9
Unemployed—studying	3.6	4.0	3.1
Unemployed—not studying	82.4	85.6	88.0
Not in labour force—studying	0.0	0.5	0.3
Not in labour force—not studying	1.8	1.5	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	850	1,400	1,700

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 2,121
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

PART C

Additional analysis requested by the Data and Research Advisory Committee

8 Performance indicators

This part of the report contains further tables requested by the Data and Research Advisory Committee to assist in monitoring the performance of SAAP.

Table 8.1: SAAP clients, accommodation and support by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Accommodation and support	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Supported accommodation	68.4	91.3	69.8	70.0
Support only	26.0	7.7	25.2	24.9
Both	5.6	1.0	5.1	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,450	100	1,600	3,200

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 99
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 8.2: SAAP clients, duration of supported accommodation by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Duration of accommodation	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
1 day or less	23.5	_	5.1	19.6	20.8
2-3 days	22.5	2.9		19.5	20.3
4-7 days	20.8	3.7	15.7	16.0	18.4
>1-2 weeks	13.2	2.6	11.1	18.3	13.9
>2-4 weeks	9.6	11.3		14.1	10.8
>4-13 weeks	8.4	36.9	52.8	7.7	10.5
>13-26 weeks	1.4	25.6	5.1	2.5	3.2
>26-52 weeks	0.4	10.4	10.2	1.9	1.5
>52 weeks	0.1	6.6	_	0.4	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,400	150	<25	550	2,150

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 6
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 214
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 8.3: SAAP clients, clients' reasons ever given for seeking assistance, Northern Territory, 1998–99

Reasons for assistance	Number	Per cent
Usual accommodation unavailable	600	20.2
Time out from family/Other situation	850	29.1
Relationship/family breakdown	1,000	34.6
Interpersonal conflicts	750	26.6
Physical/emotional abuse	850	29.4
Domestic violence	900	31.8
Sexual abuse	200	6.7
Financial difficulty	1,550	53.3
Eviction/previous accommodation ended	300	11.2
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	400	13.3
Emergency accommodation ended	50	2.4
Recently left institution	50	1.9
Psychiatric illness	50	2.1
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	550	18.5
Itinerant	250	9.2
Other	300	9.9
Total number	2,850	-

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 20
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.
- 6. Clients were able to give more than one reason for seeking assistance and so percentages do not total 100.

9 Additional tables

This part of the report contains tables requested by the Data and Research Advisory Committee and not included elsewhere in the report.

Table 9.1: Support periods, location of client before current period of unsafe, insecure or inadequate housing by main reason for seeking assistance, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Main reason for seeking assistance	Capital city	Other metropolitan centre	Large rural centre	Other rural area	Remote area	Total	Total Number
Usual accommodation unavailable	32.3	0.8	2.3	0.7	63.9	100.0	162
Time out from family/Other situation	20.0		0.9	2.0	77.1	100.0	252
Relationship/family breakdown	35.6	0.8	1.4	3.1	59.1	100.0	304
Interpersonal conflicts	25.1	3.1		1.7	70.1	100.0	73
Physical/emotional abuse	7.3	0.9		1.2	90.6	100.0	252
Domestic violence	18.8	0.2	0.3	3.3	77.3	100.0	1,133
Sexual abuse	29.6			8.3	62.1	100.0	32
Financial difficulty	37.8	1.9	1.5	4.8	54.0	100.0	684
Eviction/previous accommodation ended	44.8			8.2	47.0	100.0	157
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	68.7	1.2	1.2	2.2	26.7	100.0	104
Emergency accommodation ended	64.6			6.1	29.3	100.0	19
Recently left institution	74.5				25.5	100.0	26
Psychiatric illness	85.8				14.2	100.0	11
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	41.9	7.3	4.9	10.5	35.5	100.0	154
Itinerant	47.1		4.4	2.9	45.6	100.0	80
Other	13.8		1.0	2.0	83.2	100.0	247
Total number	1,048	36	39	133	2,434	-	3,689

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 404
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 744
- 3. Number excluded because the location was overseas (weighted): 14
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 9.2: Support periods, location of client before current period of unsafe, insecure or inadequate housing by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Location of client	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Capital city	22.0	45.5	15.0	54.4	29.3
Other metropolitan centre	1.1	3.5	0.3	0.1	1.0
Large rural centre	0.4	4.1	0.4	1.1	1.1
Other rural area	1.4	6.3	2.6	7.1	3.8
Remote area	75.1	40.6	81.7	37.2	64.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	950	600	1,550	750	3,900

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 375
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 584
- 3. Number excluded because the location was overseas (weighted): 14
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 9.3: Support periods, location of client before current period of unsafe, insecure or inadequate housing by secondary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Location of client	Indigenous Australians	No secondary target group	Total
Capital city	66.7	27.6	29.3
Other metropolitan centre		1.0	1.0
Large rural centre		1.1	1.1
Other rural area	10.7	3.5	3.8
Remote area	22.6	66.7	64.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	150	3,700	3,900

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 375
- Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 584
- 3. Number excluded because the location was overseas (weighted): 14
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 9.4: Support periods, location of client before current period of unsafe, insecure or inadequate housing by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Location of client	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Capital city	21.0	57.0	13.2	74.5	29.3
Other metropolitan centre	1.0	1.0		1.3	1.0
Large rural centre	1.3	0.7		1.3	1.1
Other rural area	2.9	6.0		13.3	3.8
Remote area	73.8	35.3	86.8	9.6	64.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,850	650	200	200	3,900

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 375
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 584
- 3. Number excluded because the location was overseas (weighted): 14
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 9.5: Support periods, main reason for seeking assistance by involvement in any legal processes before and after support period, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

	None		Protection or guardianship order		Intervention or restraining order		Other legal processes	
Main reason for seeking assistance	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
Usual accommodation unavailable	4.9	5.1	1.3		2.3	1.1	2.7	2.3
Time out from family/Other situation	5.9	6.5			2.7	3.0	6.0	5.2
Relationship/family breakdown	8.3	8.0	20.8	16.5	3.2	5.2	14.8	14.3
Interpersonal conflicts	2.0	2.1	3.9	3.5	1.4	0.4	1.9	2.1
Physical/emotional abuse	5.8	5.6	3.9	1.2	8.2	7.0	6.6	6.7
Sexual abuse	26.9	23.7	24.7	36.5	65.3	70.4	15.6	22.2
Domestic violence	2.1	1.8	3.9	3.5	3.7	2.2	5.3	4.8
Financial difficulty	22.6	25.2	15.6	12.9	2.3	1.9	18.5	16.4
Eviction/previous accommodation ended	3.9	4.2	9.1	10.6	1.8	2.2	6.2	5.2
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	3.1	3.2	1.3	1.2		0.4	3.7	3.7
Emergency accommodation ended	0.5	0.4	_		0.5	0.4	1.0	1.0
Recently left institution	0.4	0.4	2.6	2.4	0.5	0.4	2.5	2.1
Psychiatric illness	0.4	0.5	1.3	1.2			0.2	0.2
Recent arrival to area with no means of support/itinerant	5.2	5.0	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.7	1.6	1.7
Itinerant	2.4	2.5	_	_	0.5	_	1.9	1.5
Other	5.4	5.9	10.4	9.4	6.4	4.8	11.5	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	2,650	2,250	100	100	200	250	500	500

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 38
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 636
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 9.6: Support periods, main reason for seeking assistance by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Main reason for seeking assistance	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20-24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Usual accommodation unavailable	1.1	3.2	3.0	4.5	8.8	18.6	4.3
Time out from family/Other situation	10.4	10.1	5.4	5.6	3.8	2.8	6.7
Relationship/family breakdown	15.7	21.4	5.4	3.1	4.6	9.6	8.9
Interpersonal conflicts	6.7	2.9	1.9	1.6	2.1		2.1
Physical/emotional abuse	5.6	5.3	6.0	8.0	2.9		6.4
Domestic violence	7.4	9.3	34.6	39.2	14.6	11.6	27.3
Sexual abuse	11.6	2.7	2.1	3.9	3.1		3.4
Financial difficulty	5.7	22.5	23.6	14.6	28.6	32.4	19.4
Eviction/previous accommodation ended	2.2	6.2	3.8	3.3	1.9	11.3	4.1
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	2.6	1.1	1.1	3.6	6.0		2.7
Emergency accommodation ended	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.5		0.5
Recently left institution		0.7	0.1	0.7	1.7		0.7
Psychiatric illness			0.9	0.4			0.3
Recent arrival to area with no means of support		2.4	3.6	4.8	9.2	10.7	4.3
Itinerant	5.7	2.1	2.1	1.5	4.2	2.9	2.1
Other	24.1	9.5	6.1	4.8	7.0		6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	1,250	750	2,000	400	50	4,550

Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 38

Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 264

- 1. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 2. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 3. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 4. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 9.7: Support periods, type of housing/accommodation before and after support period by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Type of housing/accommodation before and after support	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Non-independent to non-independent	19.2	11.5	10.1	9.2	11.2	16.4	10.6
Non-independent to independent	1.1	10.2	13.0	13.6	21.0	15.1	12.7
Independent to non-independent	6.7	9.4	6.5	5.1	3.9	13.8	6.5
Independent to independent	73.0	68.9	70.4	72.1	63.9	54.7	70.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	850	550	1,250	250	<25	2,950

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 1,865
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table 9.8: Support periods for young clients, type of housing/accommodation before and after support period by involvement in any legal processes before and after support period, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Type of housing/accommodation before	Nor	ne	Protect guardia ord	nship	Interven restrai orde	ning	Other proces	•
and after support	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
Non-independent to non-independent	10.0	10.6	10.0	9.4	6.1	3.4	16.4	15.3
Non-independent to independent	11.0	10.8	6.7	6.3	18.4	13.6	9.3	9.9
Independent to non-independent	7.9	6.9	16.7	15.6	14.3	20.3	8.4	9.0
Independent to independent	71.1	71.7	66.7	68.8	61.2	62.7	65.9	65.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	833	796	30	32	49	59	214	222

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 932
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table 9.9: SAAP agencies, average caseload and accommodation load per day by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Service delivery model	Caseload	Accommodation load
Crisis/short-term accommodation	5.6	4.1
Medium/long-term accommodation	10.1	2.1
Day support	15.1	6.9
Outreach support	17.4	12.2
Total	10.4	5.7
Total number of agencies	28	28

Note: Details about the calculation of caseload and accommodation load are included in Appendix 1.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 9.10: SAAP agencies, average caseload and accommodation load per day by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Primary target group	Caseload	Accommodation load
Young people	10.1	3.0
Single men only	13.8	11.6
Women escaping domestic violence	10.4	6.6
Other	8.8	4.5
Total	10.4	5.7
Total number of agencies	28	28

Note: Details about the calculation of caseload and accommodation load are included in Appendix 1.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table 9.11: SAAP agencies, average caseload and accommodation load per day by secondary target group, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Secondary target group	Caseload	Accommodation load
Indigenous Australians	2.6	2.3
No secondary target group	10.7	5.8
Total	10.4	5.7
Total number of agencies	28	28

Note: Details about the calculation of caseload and accommodation load are included in Appendix 1.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Counting rules used in the analysis

Accommodation load

The accommodation load of agencies is calculated by dividing the number of accommodation days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of accommodation days equals the sum of accommodation days for all clients of an agency who were supported during the reporting period.

A client is considered to be accommodated for one day if the accommodation period commenced and ended on the same day.

The high-volume client form does not include provision to record accommodation dates, so it is assumed that a client accommodated at a high-volume agency is accommodated for the entire duration of the support period.

The average accommodation load is the mean value of all agencies' accommodation loads. Support periods without valid accommodation dates are assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of accommodation for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

Agency

SAAP agencies are included in the analyses in Section 2.1 if they received funds and were operating on 30 June 1999. SAAP agencies are included in the analyses in Section 2.2 if information about recurrent allocations was provided for 1998–1999 and the agency operated for some part of the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999. Agencies that were operational only in June 1999 are not considered in scope for the Client, Casual Client or Unmet Demand collections, so are not included in analyses in Chapters 1 and 3–9.

Age of client

The age of client (for the Client Collection) relates to the client's age at the start of the support period and is estimated from the client's year of birth. It is either the client's age at the beginning of the support period or age on the first day of the reporting period (1 July) whichever is the latter.

Caseload

The caseload of agencies is calculated by dividing the number of support days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of support days equals the sum of support days for all clients of the agency who were supported during the reporting period.

The average caseload is the mean value of all agencies' caseloads. Support periods without valid support dates are assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of support for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

Casual client contacts

Casual client contacts are periods of contact between a SAAP agency and either an individual or a family unit during which time one-off assistance is provided.

Casual client contact data were recorded only during the twoweek Casual Client Collection so a weight of 26 has been applied to the count when they are reported.

The Casual Client Collection does not include a linkage key; therefore families or individuals assisted during the collection may be represented on more than one occasion.

Casual clients seeking support or accommodation

Casual clients seeking support or accommodation relate to adults aged 18 years or older, or unaccompanied young people, who unsuccessfully requested accommodation or ongoing support during the two-week Unmet Demand Collection but who were provided with some form of one-off assistance.

Individuals assisted during the collection may be represented on more than one occasion as casual clients. The entry for potential clients unable to be supported describes actual individuals from the Unmet Demand Collection.

Client

Client forms from operational SAAP agencies are included in analyses presented in Chapters 3–9 if:

- the client's support period ended in the reporting period, or
- the client's support period started on or before the end of the reporting period (30 June) and
 - was either ongoing as at 30 June, or
 - the end date of the support period was unknown, and the record was entered in the NDCA before the data entry close-off date for the reporting period.

Tables detailing the characteristics of individual clients generally present data collected during the first support period of clients in the Northern Territory. However, tables detailing the characteristics of clients escaping domestic violence present data collected during the first support period in the Northern Territory in which the client presented as a victim of domestic violence.

Closed support period

Support periods which had finished before the end of the reporting period—30 June (see *ongoing support period* below).

Domestic violence

For the purposes of this report, a client is considered to have been escaping domestic violence if she or he indicated that domestic violence was a reason for seeking assistance. It is also assumed that a person who received support from an agency targeting women escaping domestic violence is a victim of domestic violence, because high-volume agencies do not record reasons for seeking assistance.

The longitudinal analyses presented in Chapter 7 include clients who were escaping domestic violence in any of their support periods.

The number of support periods of clients escaping domestic violence is an estimate of all support periods after and including the first support period in which the client was considered to be escaping domestic violence.

Ethnicity

A client's ethnicity is determined on the basis of responses to two data items: country of birth; and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identification.

The three categories reported—Indigenous Australians, people from non-English-speaking backgrounds and people from other English-speaking backgrounds—are derived as follows:

- Indigenous Australians are considered to be those who identify as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person;
- People from non-English-speaking backgrounds are considered to be those born in overseas countries that are not predominantly English-speaking (see non-English-speaking background below); and
- all clients not classified in the above two categories are considered to be people from other English-speaking backgrounds.

If a person is considered to come from a non-English-speaking background and is also a person who identifies as an Indigenous Australian, she or he is classified as an Indigenous Australian.

Housing type

The SAAP NDCA Client Collection specifies 22 distinct categories for the housing type of clients. In this report, the categories are combined into 10 groups in Chapter 4 as follows:

- SAAP or CAP funded crisis or short-term accommodation;
- SAAP or CAP funded medium- to long- term accommodation;
- other SAAP or CAP funded accommodation—comprising accommodation at hostels, motels, hotels, community placements and other SAAP funded arrangements;
- non-SAAP emergency accommodation;
- private rental housing—comprising renting independently in the private rental market, renting a caravan, boarding in a rooming house or hostel or hotel, and boarding in a private home;
- owner-occupied housing—comprising purchasing or living in the client's own home;
- public housing—comprising renting a public housing dwelling and renting community housing;
- institutional accommodation—comprising residing at a hospital, psychiatric institution, prison, youth training centre, detoxification unit or rehabilitation centre, and any other government residential arrangement or other institutional setting not specified above;
- living in a car or tent or park or street or squat; and
- other non-SAAP housing or accommodation not specified above, including living rent-free in a house or flat.

The 22 categories are combined into seven groups in Chapter 6 as follows:

- private rental housing—comprising renting independently in the private rental market, renting a caravan, boarding in a rooming house or hostel or hotel, and boarding in a private home;
- owner-occupied housing—comprising purchasing or living in the client's own home;
- public housing—comprising renting a public housing dwelling and renting community housing;
- other independent housing—comprising living rent-free in a house or flat, and any other non-SAAP housing which is not emergency or institutional accommodation;
- SAAP or CAP funded crisis or short-term accommodation;
- SAAP or CAP funded medium to long-term accommodation; and

Other non-independent housing or accommodation—comprising SAAP funded accommodation at hostels, motels, hotels, community placements or other SAAP funded arrangements, non-SAAP emergency accommodation, living in a car or tent or park or street or squat, residing at a hospital, psychiatric institution, prison, youth training centre, detoxification unit or rehabilitation centre, and any other government residential arrangement or other institutional setting not specified above.

The first four categories above are considered to be independent housing and the remaining three to be non-independent housing in the analyses presented in Chapters 6 and 9.

Income source

The SAAP NDCA Client Collection specifies 23 distinct categories for the primary income source of clients. In this report, the categories are combined into three groups as follows:

- no income—comprising no income and registered/ awaiting benefit;
- government payment—comprising Newstart Allowance, Job Search Allowance with Young Homeless Allowance, Austudy for students 25 years and over, Community Development Employment Program, Austudy or Abstudy (standard rate), Austudy or Abstudy (independent rate), Austudy or Abstudy (homeless rate), Disability Support Pension, Age Pension, Sole Parent Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance and any other benefit or pension; and
- other income—comprising Workcover or compensation, maintenance or child support, wages or salary or an income from a client's own business, spouse or partner's income and any other income source not specified above.

Living situation

The SAAP NDCA Client Collection specifies 14 distinct categories for the living situation of clients. In this report, the categories are combined into six groups as follows:

- with one or both parents—comprising with both parents, with one parent and a parent's spouse or partner, and with one parent;
- with relative or friend long term—comprising with a relative long term, and with a friend long term;
- with relative or friend temporarily—comprising with a relative temporarily, and with a friend temporarily;
- with partner, with or without child(ren)—comprising with a spouse or partner, and with a spouse or partner and child(ren);
- alone, with or without child(ren)—comprising alone with child(ren), and alone; and
- other—comprising with a foster family, living communally, and any other living situation not specified above.

Missing values

Records or forms which are not available for analysis are indicated in table notes. The number of such records for each table is calculated in the following order of precedence:

- records not available because client data were collected on high-volume forms;
- records not available because clients' consent was not obtained (in unweighted tables only);
- records not available because of errors; and
- records not available because of omissions.

In tables involving subpopulations of support periods or clients, it is impossible to determine whether a given record should be included or excluded if data are missing for the variable(s) defining the subpopulation in the analysis. Such records are not included in the missing count for these tables.

Non-Englishspeaking background

A person is considered to come from a non-English-speaking background if they were born in a country other than Australia or other than the following countries:

- Canada;
- the Republic of Ireland;
- New Zealand;
- South Africa;
- the United Kingdom, comprising England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; and
- the United States of America.

Persons who migrate to Australia from these countries are considered likely to speak English.

Number of accompanying children visits

The number of accompanying children visits is calculated by adding each valid number in the accompanying children age groups for each support period. Invalid responses are reported as errors. Responses are reported as missing where a presenting unit of either a person or couple with child(ren) gave no response for the number of accompanying children in any age group.

Ongoing support period

A support period is considered ongoing at the end of the reporting period if each of the following conditions is true:

- no support end date is provided;
- no after-support information is provided; and
- the corresponding client form was received in the month following the end of the reporting period.

Ongoing support periods are not included in tables relating to duration of support or duration of accommodation and are excluded from all tables in Chapters 6 and 9 and Appendix 3.

Percentages

Percentages presented in the report are based on valid values only; that is, records without values for the relevant data item are excluded from the denominator before percentages are calculated.

Potential clients unable to be supported

Potential clients unable to be supported are adults aged 18 years and over and unaccompanied young people who made unsuccessful valid requests (see *Unmet requests for support or accommodation* below) for support or supported accommodation during the two-week Unmet Demand Collection.

As all unsuccessful requests for support or accommodation are recorded in the Unmet Demand Collection and, as an individual may make more than one request during the collection period, the number of potential clients presented in Table 5.41 (AIHW 2000; 102) is obtained using the following methodology:

- all requests are first categorised according to whether they were valid or invalid, and whether they were recorded as a 'first' or 'subsequent' request by a given individual—first or subsequent requests are determined by questions on the Unmet Demand form which identify whether a request for the same support or accommodation was previously made at a SAAP agency during the collection period;
- 2. records that cannot be identified as either valid or invalid requests are assigned a validity status based on the known distribution of valid and invalid requests for each of the first and subsequent request groups;
- 3. records that can be identified as valid are included;
- 4. subsequent requests are excluded to minimise double counting of individuals—that is, only the first request for each individual is counted;
- 5. invalid requests are then excluded—these are made by individuals who refused an offer of assistance, those that were made by individuals not within the agency's target group and/or for services not normally provided by the agency; and
- 6. an adjustment is added to allow for individuals who made an initial invalid request and a subsequent valid request.

As a linkage key was not available for all records in the Unmet Demand Collection, it is not possible to analyse the individual characteristics of all persons who made unsuccessful *valid* requests for support or supported accommodation—that is, the adjustment in step 6 above cannot be made at an individual or agency level. Thus, two-way tables of potential clients unable to be supported, presented in Chapter 5 (Tables 5.37–5.51), include only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid.

Please note that the calculation of the number of potential clients unable to be supported has changed slightly this year and the information is not strictly comparable with previous reports. However, comparable figures for 1997–98 are presented in Chapter 5. It is clear from the discussion presented in Chapter 5 that annual estimates based on this collection are not valid.

Recurrent allocations

Recurrent allocations are amounts of money specifically allocated by a State or Territory department during the reporting period for recurrent purposes. Recurrent allocations to SAAP agencies fund salary and ongoing operating costs while other recurrent allocations (not allocated to agencies) are used by each jurisdiction for such purposes as training, research, evaluation and administration.

Tables presented in Section 2.2 include only recurrent allocations to SAAP agencies.

Region

Administrative regional classifications developed by Territory Health Services are used in the report. The classification consists of two groups:

- North; and
- South.

The Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification developed by the then Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health and Department of Primary Industries and Energy is also used in analyses presented in this report. The classification consists of seven categories but they are combined here into the following five groups:

- capital city—State and Territory capital city statistical divisions;
- other metropolitan centre—one or more statistical subdivisions which have an urban centre with a population of 100,000 or more;
- large rural centre—areas in which most people reside in urban centres with a population of 25,000 or more;
- other rural area—rural areas containing urban centres with populations of between 10,000 and 24,999 and other rural areas; and
- remote area—remote urban centres with a population of 5,000 or more and other remote areas.

The classification is based on 1991 populations and statistical local areas—the most recent available at the time of writing. Further details of the classification are contained in *Rural*, *Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification 1991 Census Edition* (November 1994).

SAAP accommodation

The SAAP NDCA Client Collection specifies six distinct types of SAAP accommodation that may be provided to clients. In this report, the six types are combined into three groups as follows:

- crisis or short-term accommodation;
- medium- to long-term accommodation; and
- other SAAP funded accommodation, which comprises accommodation in hostels, motels, hotels, caravans, community placements and other SAAP funded arrangements.

Service delivery model

The SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection specifies eight distinct service delivery models for SAAP agencies:

- crisis or short-term supported accommodation agencies those predominantly providing supported accommodation to persons needing immediate (crisis) accommodation for periods of generally not more than three months (shortterm);
- medium- to long-term supported accommodation agencies
 —those predominantly providing supported accommodation for periods of around three to six months (medium-term) and for longer than six months (long-term);
- day support agencies—those predominantly providing support only on a walk-in basis;
- outreach support agencies—those providing support predominantly in a setting other than the agency or an outlet of the agency;
- telephone information and referral agencies—those providing support predominantly via telephone contact;
- agency support agencies—those predominantly providing support to, or representation of, other SAAP agencies;
- multiple agencies—those that provide support using more than one service delivery model; and
- other agencies—those that provide support using a service delivery model not specified above.

The service delivery model classification of telephone information and referral is not used in the Northern Territory.

Analyses in Section 2.2 combine agencies with a day support, outreach support, agency support and 'other' service delivery model classification into one category labelled 'other'. Analyses in Chapters 5–9 combine agencies with a multiple, day support, agency support and 'other' service delivery model classification into one category labelled 'other'.

Support

The SAAP NDCA Client Collection specifies 31 distinct types of support and allows agencies to record other types of support not listed on the data form. This report presents individual support types and includes a subtotal for six distinct groupings. The major classifications are:

- housing or accommodation services—comprising SAAP/ CAP accommodation, assistance to obtain short-term accommodation, and assistance to obtain independent housing;
- financial or employment assistance—comprising assistance to obtain a benefit or pension or other government allowance, employment and training assistance, financial assistance or material aid, and financial counselling;
- counselling—comprising incest or sexual abuse counselling, domestic violence counselling, family or relationship counselling and support, emotional support and other counselling;
- general support and advocacy—comprising living skills and personal development assistance, assistance with legal issues or court support, advice or information, retrieval or storage or removal of personal belongings, and advocacy or liaison on behalf of clients;
- specialist services—comprising psychological services, psychiatric services, pregnancy or family planning support, drug or alcohol support or rehabilitation, physical disability services, intellectual disability services, culturally appropriate support, interpreter services, and health or medical services; and
- other support—comprising meals, laundry or shower facilities, recreation, transport, brokerage services, and other support not elsewhere specified.

Support to accompanying children

The SAAP NDCA Client Collection specifies six distinct types of support to accompanying children and allows agencies to record other types of support not listed on the data form. The different types of support have been combined into four groups for this report, as detailed below:

- counselling comprises help with behavioural problems, sexual or physical abuse counselling, and counselling and support to children;
- child care or kindergarten/school liaison comprises child care and liaison with kindergartens or schools;
- access arrangements; and
- other support not elsewhere specified.

Support for accompanying children is recorded on only one parent's form when a couple present to an agency.

Target group

The SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection specifies six distinct target groups for SAAP agencies as detailed below:

- agencies targeted at young people—those that predominantly provide support for persons who are independent, are above the school-leaving age for the State/Territory concerned, and present to agencies unaccompanied by a parent or guardian;
- agencies targeted at single men only—those that predominantly provide support for males who present without a partner or children;
- agencies targeted at single women only—those that predominantly provide support for females who present without a partner or children;
- agencies targeted at families—those that predominantly provide support to persons who present as a family (defined as a group of two or more persons who usually live in the same household and who are related to each other by blood, *de facto* or *de jure* marriage or adoption);
- agencies targeted at women and women with children escaping domestic violence—those that predominantly provide support for women and women accompanied by their children, who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless as a result of violence and/or abuse; and
- cross target, multiple target and general target agencies those that target more than one client group.

Agencies may also have a secondary target group: for example, persons who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent, people from non-English-speaking backgrounds or people with some other special characteristic.

Unmet demand

Unmet demand arises when the particular needs of existing clients and their accompanying children cannot be met either by the direct provision of services by SAAP agencies or through referrals to other agencies. It should be noted that data about the final outcome of referrals are not collected, so it is assumed that clients' needs are met through the referral process. This may not always be the case and thus unmet demand may be underestimated accordingly. This type of unmet demand is assessed via data from the Client Collection. Counting units are the identified needs recorded on client forms.

Unmet demand also stems from an inability to provide supported accommodation or support alone to all homeless people who request such assistance—not all those who wish to become clients of SAAP can be accepted as clients. This type of unmet demand is assessed via data from the Unmet Demand Collection. Counting units are requests for assistance recorded on unmet demand forms. (See also *potential clients unable to be supported.*)

Unmet requests for support or accommodation

Unmet requests for support or accommodation are unsuccessful valid requests made by *potential clients unable to be supported* (see separate entry) during the two-week Unmet Demand Collection.

Valid requests are those made by individuals who:

- Did not refuse an offer of support or supported accommodation from the SAAP agency; and
- Requested appropriate services—requests for services that the agency did not normally provide (for example, requests for accommodation at a day centre) are excluded; and
- fell within the target group of the agency at which the request was made.

Appendix 2: Consent rates and key client characteristics

Table A2.1: Support periods, client consent by primary target group, Northern Territory, 1998-99 (%)

Consent	Young people	Single men only	Women escaping DV	Cross target/ multiple/ general/ families/ single women only	Total
Yes	84.9	95.4	77.4	79.8	84.5
No	13.0	0.3	18.3	14.0	11.4
Not answered	2.1	4.3	4.2	6.2	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,500	1,500	1,650	1,000	5,600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table A2.2: SAAP Client Collection, gender of client, reported and weighted distributions for support periods, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Gender	Reported	Weighted
Female	58.6	58.6
Male	41.4	41.4
Total number	5,277	5,300

Notes

- 1. The reported distribution is based on forms returned with valid values.
- 2. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table A2.3: SAAP Client Collection, ethnicity of client, reported and weighted distributions for support periods, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Ethnicity	Reported	Weighted
Indigenous Australian	46.9	50.1
Non-English-speaking background	3.9	3.5
Other	49.1	46.4
Total number	4,586	5,500

- 1. The reported distribution is based on forms returned with consent and valid values.
- 2. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 3. Weighted figures have been derived by adjusting for non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table A2.4: SAAP Client Collection, age of client, reported and weighted distributions for support periods, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Age	Reported	Weighted
Under 15 years	2.1	2.1
15–19 years	24.0	23.9
20–24 years	15.5	16.1
25–44 years	46.6	46.9
45-64 years	10.9	10.2
65 years and over	0.9	0.8
Total number	4,624	5,650

Notes

- 1. The reported distribution is based on forms returned with consent and valid values.
- 2. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 3. Weighted figures have been derived by adjusting for non-consent.

Appendix 3: Circumstances of client subgroups after support

This part of the report contains information relating to women escaping domestic violence and to young people and their circumstances after receiving SAAP support. It mirrors analysis presented in Chapter 6.

Limitations in the data collected result in ambiguity about whether significant changes in circumstances have occurred for these client groups. The SAAP National Data Collection identifies, for example, whether a woman escaping domestic violence is living with a spouse or partner after receiving support from a SAAP agency, but insufficient information is collected to determine whether this is the same spouse or partner with whom she lived before receiving support. Similarly, data are collected on whether a young person is living with a parent or parents after support, not whether this is the same parent(s) with whom the young person lived before using SAAP services. Also, it is unclear from information reported in this collection whether such outcomes are desirable in each case. Interpretation of the findings must take these considerations into account.

This appendix focuses on client outcomes, so only support periods which were completed during 1998-99 are analysed here. In particular, tables on the circumstances after support of women escaping domestic violence (Tables A3.1 to A3.12) and young people (Tables A3.13 to A3.26) are presented.

A3.1 Overview

In an estimated 39% of support periods clients were women escaping domestic violence. Information about the perpetrator of domestic violence is not collected in the SAAP National Data Collection; thus, it is not certain whether perpetrators are invariably partners (or former partners) or whether they are older male children or other relatives. Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' National Women's Safety Survey carried out in 1996 (ABS 1996) suggest that it is the partner or former partner in the majority of situations. Many of the following tables, therefore, relate to women escaping domestic violence who were living with a spouse or partner before seeking SAAP assistance.

Findings from the SAAP Collection show that women escaping domestic violence who were previously living with a spouse or partner were living with a spouse or partner at the conclusion of support periods in 42% of cases (Figure A3.1). There is some regional variation in these figures—from 62% in the North to 29% in the South region (Table A3.2).

One of the aims of the program is to re-establish family links where appropriate. Although the National Data Collection does not identify the circumstances in which young clients return to live with parents, aggregate data about this outcome are still of interest and changes over time can be used to inform policy and planning processes.

The analysis presented here examines whether young SAAP clients (those less than 25 years of age) who were living with parents before receiving support returned to live with their parents immediately after receiving support.

Findings varied according to the age of clients. In 62% of cases involving young people aged between 15 and 19 years, clients did return to live with parents. The comparable figure for those aged 20–24 is 43% (Figure A3.3). The proportion of all cases across the Northern Territory involving young clients who were living with parents before receiving support and who returned to live with them immediately after was 60%.

Data from the national collection can also be used to examine the number of young SAAP clients who were wards of the State or who were the subject of a supervision order, and when such orders were obtained. Approximately 3% of young clients were subject to guardianship or protection orders, almost all of which existed before support commenced (Figure A3.4).

A3.2 Key charts

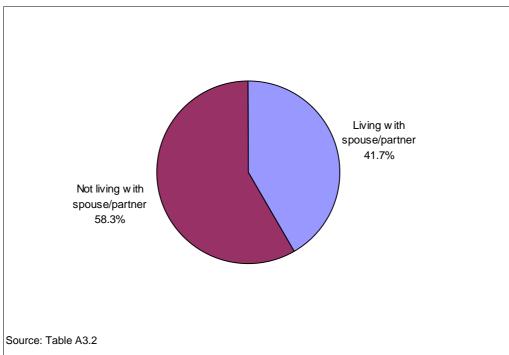
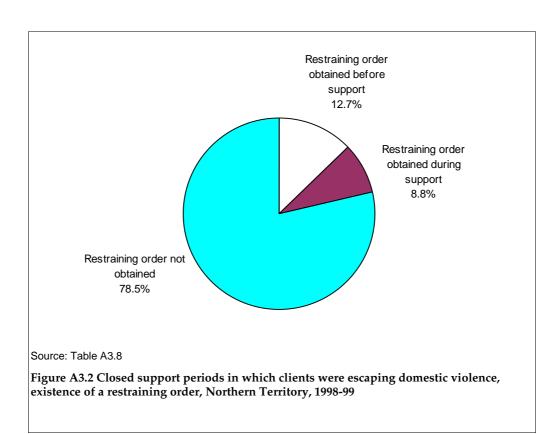


Figure A3.1: Closed support periods in which women were escaping domestic violence and were previously living with spouse/partner, living situation of client after support, Northern Territory, 1998-99



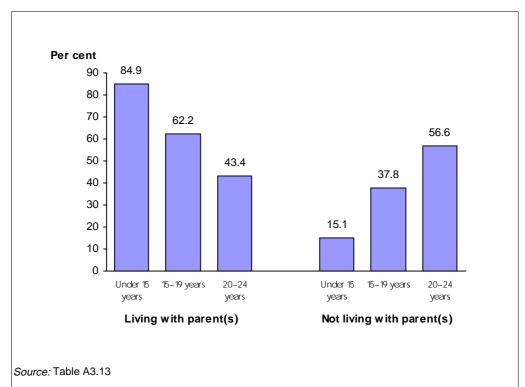
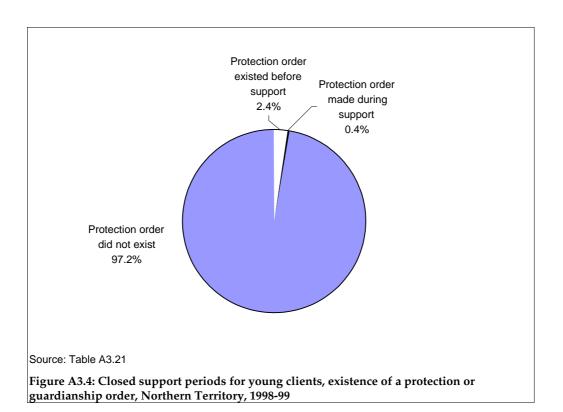


Figure A3.3: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support and age of client, Northern Territory, 1998-99



A3.3 Detailed tables

A3.3.1 Survivors of domestic violence

Table A3.1: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence and were previously living with spouse/partner, living situation of client after support by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Living with spouse/partner	48.8	58.6	32.0	27.3	46.6
Not living with spouse/partner	51.2	41.4	68.0	72.7	53.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	550	50	<25	50	650

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 246
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table A3.2: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence and were previously living with spouse/partner, living situation of client after support by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support	North	South	NT
Living with spouse/partner	62.0	29.3	41.7
Not living with spouse/partner	38.0	70.7	58.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 3
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 198
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 368
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 500 records contributed to this table.

Table A3.3: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence and were previously living with spouse/partner, living situation of client after support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Living with spouse/partner	33.0	44.2	48.5	52.4		46.6
Not living with spouse/partner	67.0	55.8	51.5	47.6	100.0	53.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	150	450	50	<25	650

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 246
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- There were very few closed support periods for clients who were aged under 15 years escaping domestic violence and who were previously living with a spouse or partner. To ensure confidentiality, these cases are not presented separately but are included in the total.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.4: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence and were previously living with spouse/partner, living situation of client after support by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Living with spouse/partner	56.2	24.7	27.3	48.7
Not living with spouse/partner	43.8	75.3	72.7	51.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	450	<25	150	600

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 288
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.5: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence and were previously living with spouse/partner, living situation of client after support by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Living with spouse/partner	62.2	52.4	42.7	49.4	32.8	17.1	51.7	54.6	67.7	46.5
Not living with spouse/partner	37.8	47.6	57.3	50.6	67.2	82.9	48.3	45.4	32.3	53.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	250	100	100	50	50	50	<25	<25	650

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 247
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.6: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence and were previously living with spouse/partner, living situation after support by duration of current homelessness of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support	0-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Living with spouse/partner	63.5	67.7	22.5		13.6	37.4	44.3	53.6
Not living with spouse/partner	36.5	32.3	77.5	100.0	86.4	62.6	55.7	46.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	250	50	50	<25	<25	50	50	450

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 478
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.7: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence, existence of a restraining order by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a restraining order	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Restraining order obtained before support	11.0	16.4	15.4	9.1	11.5
Restraining order obtained during support	6.9	2.9	2.6	40.0	8.4
Restraining order not obtained	82.1	80.6	82.0	50.9	80.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,750	200	50	100	2,100

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 72
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table A3.8: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence, existence of a restraining order by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a restraining order	North	South	NT
Restraining order obtained before support	10.1	14.7	12.7
Restraining order obtained during support	5.2	11.3	8.8
Restraining order not obtained	84.7	74.0	78.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 75
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 368
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 1600 records contributed to this table.

Table A3.9: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence, existence of a restraining order by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a restraining order	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65 years and over	Total
Restraining order obtained before support	5.5	8.2	12.3	12.0	13.7	36.3	11.5
Restraining order obtained during support		2.9	5.8	11.2		63.7	8.4
Restraining order not obtained	94.5	89.0	81.9	76.8	86.3		80.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	300	400	1,250	100	<25	2,100

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 72
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.10: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence, existence of a restraining order by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a restraining order	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Restraining order obtained before support	10.6	8.4	13.6	11.0
Restraining order obtained during support	7.0	30.6	9.7	7.9
Restraining order not obtained	82.3	61.0	76.6	81.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,650	50	300	2,000

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 166
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

A3.11: Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence, existence of a restraining order by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a restraining order	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Restraining order obtained before support	9.5	9.8	13.1	9.7	13.5	18.5	4.8	24.3	48.8	11.5
Restraining order obtained during support	1.9	4.2	7.4	9.6	9.4	27.8	26.8			8.4
Restraining order not obtained	88.6	86.0	79.6	80.7	77.0	53.8	68.4	75.7	51.2	80.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	150	850	350	250	250	200	50	<25	<25	2,100

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 72
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.12 Closed support periods in which clients were escaping domestic violence, existence of a restraining order by duration of client's current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a restraining order	0-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Restraining order obtained before support	8.3	17.9	15.7	13.7	6.1	3.5	17.2	10.5
Restraining order obtained during support	4.8	8.3	15.3	6.6	17.9	20.5	15.8	9.3
Restraining order not obtained	86.9	73.8	69.0	79.7	76.0	76.0	66.9	80.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	750	150	150	50	100	150	150	1,450

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 737
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

A3.3.2 Young people previously living with parents

Table A3.13: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support	Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	Total
Living with parent(s)	84.9	62.2	43.4	60.3
Not living with parent(s)	15.1	37.8	56.6	39.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	200	50	300

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 125
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.14: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support and age of client by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support and age	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Living with parent(s)					
Under 15 years	2.6	6.9	23.6	0	7.3
15–19 years	38.4	52.9	38.1	0	44.1
20-24 years	13.0	5.1	3.0	100.0	8.9
Not living with parent(s)					
Under 15 years	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
15–19 years	23.9	28.5	32.4	0.0	26.8
20-24 years	19.2	6.7	2.9	0.0	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	150	100	50	<25	300

Notes

- Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 125
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.15: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support and age of client by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support and age	South	North	NT
Living with parent(s)			
Under 15 years	7.5	8.5	7.8
15–19 years	57.8	22.5	47.0
20-24 years	7.5	8.5	7.8
Not living with parent(s)			
Under 15 years	1.9		1.3
15–19 years	22.4	36.6	26.7
20–24 years	3.1	23.9	9.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 97
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 0
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 250 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table A3.16: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support and age of client by gender, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support and age	Female	Male	Total
Living with parent(s)			
Under 15 years	4.7	13.5	7.3
15–19 years	43.0	46.5	44.1
20–24 years	8.6	9.8	8.9
Not living with parent(s)			
Under 15 years	1.2	1.5	1.3
15–19 years	28.5	22.8	26.8
20–24 years	14.0	5.9	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	200	100	300

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 125
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.17: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support and age of client by ethnicity, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after	Indigenous	Non-English- speaking		
support and age	Australian	background	Other	Total
Living with parent(s)				
Under 15 years	8.2		7.0	7.5
15–19 years	50.5	25.7	39.5	45.1
20-24 years	12.3	34.2	1.1	8.4
Not living with parent(s)				
Under 15 years	2.4			1.3
15–19 years	15.5	15.3	40.4	25.8
20-24 years	11.1	24.8	12.0	11.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	150	<25	100	300

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 132
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.18: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support and age of client by duration of support, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support and age	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Living with parent(s)										
Under 15 years	4.4	2.2	5.4	10.3	8.6	9.3	15.1	13.3	100.0	7.3
15-19 years	72.6	27.3	40.5	23.1	60.0	31.7	14.4			44.1
20-24 years	3.1	21.3	17.4	12.9	5.7		8.6			8.9
Not living with parent(s)										
Under 15 years	4.4									1.3
15-19 years	11.9	45.1	10.9	25.6	20.0	54.8	38.0	39.8		26.8
20-24 years	3.5	4.1	25.8	28.1	5.7	4.1	23.9	47.0		11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	50	<25	50	50	50	<25	<25	<25	300

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 125
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.19: Closed support periods in which young clients were previously living with parent(s), living situation after support and age of client by duration of current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Living situation after support and age	0-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Living with parent(s)								
Under 15 years	4.6	11.1		20.1	15.8		2.8	5.7
15-19 years	35.4	13.0	23.9	29.6	16.6	43.0	34.3	31.8
20-24 years	17.5						11.2	9.7
Not living with parent(s)								
Under 15 years	2.5		_	_	18.0	_		1.8
15-19 years	26.6	24.4	76.1	50.3	16.6	35.3	42.7	37.0
20-24 years	13.3	51.6			33.0	21.7	9.0	13.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	50	<25	<25	<25	<25	<25	50	150

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 280
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

A3.3.3 Young people—legal processes

Table A 3.20: Closed support periods for young clients, existence of a protection or guardianship order by service delivery model, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a protection or guardianship order	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Day support/ outreach support	Multiple/ agency support	Total
Order existed before support	1.3	3.4	4.2	0	2.5
Order made during support	0	0.5	0	9.9	0.3
Order did not exist	98.7	96	95.8	90.1	97.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1050	700	350	0	2150

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 28
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.21: Closed support periods for young clients, existence of a protection or guardianship order by region, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a protection or			
guardianship order	South	North	NT
Order existed before support	2.3	2.7	2.4
Order made during support		1.2	0.4
Order did not exist	97.7	96.1	97.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (unweighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (unweighted): 27
- 3. Number of records excluded because consent was not obtained: 0
- 4. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 5. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 6. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 7. Table based on only those records with consent. Estimates have not been adjusted for client non-consent. 1700 records contributed to this table.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections

Table A3.22: Closed support periods for young clients, existence of a protection or guardianship order by gender of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a protection or			
guardianship order	Female	Male	Total
Order existed before support	1.9	3.7	2.5
Order made during support	0.4		0.3
Order did not exist	97.7	96.3	97.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,450	700	2,150

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 40
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.23: Closed support periods for young clients, existence of a protection or guardianship order by age of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a protection or guardianship order	Under 14 years	14–15 years	16–17 years	18 years and over	Total
Order existed before support	8.0	4.3	3.2	1.6	2.5
Order made during support				0.5	0.3
Order did not exist	92.0	95.7	96.8	98.0	97.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	100	150	600	1,300	2,150

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 28
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.
- Although protection orders relate to people under 18 years, the category '18 years and over' has been included because clients may turn 18 during a support period.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.24: Closed support periods for young clients, existence of a protection or guardianship order by ethnicity of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a protection or guardianship order	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Order existed before support	1.2	7.2	4.3	2.5
Order made during support			0.3	0.1
Order did not exist	98.8	92.8	95.4	97.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	1,200	50	850	2,100

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 84
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Table A3.25: Closed support periods for young clients, existence of a protection or guardianship order by duration of support of client, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a protection or guardianship order	Less than 1 day	1–3 days	4–7 days	>1-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4-13 weeks	>13-26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52 weeks	Total
Order existed before support	1.3	0.3	2.3	3.3	3.5	5.6	6.4	4.2	12.0	2.5
Order made during support					0.3	1.1	4.1			0.3
Order did not exist	98.7	99.7	97.7	96.7	96.2	93.3	89.5	95.8	88.0	97.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	550	450	200	200	350	250	50	50	<25	2,150

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 28
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection

Table A3.26: Closed support periods for young clients, existence of a protection or guardianship order of client by duration of client's current homelessness, Northern Territory, 1998–99 (%)

Existence of a protection or guardianship order	0-2 weeks	>2-4 weeks	>4–26 weeks	>26-52 weeks	>52-104 weeks	>104 weeks	At imminent risk	Total
Order existed before support	0.3	5.4	2.0	1.6	1.3	7.3	2.9	2.4
Order made during support	_	_	1.9	_	_	_	0.7	0.4
Order did not exist	99.7	94.6	96.1	98.4	98.7	92.7	96.3	97.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	400	100	100	50	100	100	350	1,200

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 969
- 3. Excludes high-volume records as not all items were included on high-volume form.
- 4. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.
- 6. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent.

Appendix 4: Corrections to Series 3 tables

This part of the report provides revised 1997–98 tables in the Series 3 reports which have been revised.

Table 5.42: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by region, Northern Territory, 13–26 November 1997 (%)

Type of support requested	South	North	NT
Crisis/short-term accommodation	66.7	42.9	48.1
Medium/long-term accommodation	0.0	47.6	37.0
Support only	16.7	9.5	11.1
Other	16.7	0.0	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	20	30

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.43: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by primary target group, Northern Territory, 13–26 November 1997 (%)

Type of support requested	Young people	Single men only	Families	Women escaping DV	Other	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	0.0	36.4	0.0	100.0	40.0	48.1
Medium/long-term accommodation	0.0	45.5	100.0	0.0	40.0	37.0
Support only	100.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	0	10	0	10	10	30

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.44: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by gender of person making request, Northern Territory, 13–26 November 1997 (%)

Type of support requested	Female	Male	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	80.0	29.4	48.1
Medium/long-term accommodation	10.0	52.9	37.0
Support only	10.0	11.8	11.1
Other	0.0	5.9	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	20	30

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.45: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by age of person making request, Northern Territory, 13–26 November 1997 (%)

Type of support requested	Under 15 years	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.6	50.0	54.2
Medium/long-term accommodation	100.0	0.0	33.3	7.7	50.0	29.2
Support only	0.0	100.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	12.5
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	0	0	0	10	0	20

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 3
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.46: Potential clients unable to be supported, type of support requested by ethnicity of person making request, Northern Territory, 13–26 November 1997 (%)

Type of support requested	Indigenous Australian	Non-English- speaking background	Other	Total
Crisis/short-term accommodation	36.4	0.0	63.6	47.8
Medium/long-term accommodation	36.4	100.0	27.3	34.8
Support only	18.2	0.0	9.1	13.0
Other	9.1	0.0	0.0	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	0	10	20

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 4
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see potential clients unable to be supported in Appendix 1 for more information).
- Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Table 5.47: Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason support not provided by State and Territory, Australia, 13–26 November 1997 (%)

Main reason support			
not provided	South	North	NT
No accommodation available	28.6	71.4	60.7
Facilities for disability needs not available	0.0	9.5	7.1
Facilities for cultural needs not available	0.0	4.8	3.6
Facilities for Other special needs not available	0.0	9.5	7.1
Other	71.4	4.8	21.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	20	30

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 0
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see *potential clients unable to be supported* in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand and Administrative Data Collections

Table 5.48: Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason support not provided by type of support requested, Northern Territory, 13–26 November 1997 (%)

Main reason support not provided	Crisis/ short-term accommodation	Medium/ long-term accommodation	Support only	Other	Total
No accommodation available	53.8	90.0	0.0	0.0	59.3
Facilities for disability needs not available	0.0	10.0	33.3	0.0	7.4
Facilities for cultural needs not available	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	3.7
Facilities for Other special needs not available	15.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
Other	30.8	0.0	33.3	100.0	22.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	10	10	0	0	30

Notes

- 1. Number excluded due to errors: 1
- 2. Number excluded due to omissions: 0
- 3. Percentages are based on valid values only.
- 4. Includes only those individuals whose first unmet request during the Unmet Demand Collection was valid (see *potential clients unable to be supported* in Appendix 1 for more information).
- 5. Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection

Appendix 5: SAAP NDCA Data Collection forms

- A5.1 Client Form
- **A5.2** Client Form High Volume Agencies
- **A5.3** Unmet Demand Form
- A5.4 Casual Client Form

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