



CHILDREN IN CARE AUSTRALIA, 1983-84

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The statistics in this publication are the product of WELSTAT.

2. WELSTAT is a joint State and Commonwealth project concerned with the standardisation and improvement of social welfare statistics. The project is managed by committees consisting of representatives from each State and Territory welfare department, the Commonwealth Department of Community Services and the ABS. Prior to the changes in Administrative Arrangements in December 1984, the Department of Social Security was represented. The project is serviced by the WELSTAT Secretariat which operates full time and is located in the central office of the Department of Community Services.

3. This publication is the first in a new series of statistics based on standardised definitions and classifications of data relating to persons subject to orders (see paragraph 11) of State and Territory welfare departments and to children who are living apart from their natural or adoptive parents in foster care or in residential child care establishments.

4. The data in this new series replaces and expands the data previously published in *Persons under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care* (4405.0), which were also based on standards and classifications developed by WELSTAT, and last published in respect of 1981-82.

5. Because of the inability of some States and Territories to implement the standards in the time available, no statistics were published in respect of 1982-83. The data presented in this publication in respect of 1983-84 cover all States and Territories but represent only a part of the full range suggested in the standards.

6. Participants in this collection were:

New South Wales—Department of Youth and Community Services
Victoria—Department of Community Services
Queensland—Department of Children's Services

Western Australia—Department for Community Welfare
South Australia—Department for Community Welfare
Tasmania—Department for Community Welfare
Northern Territory—Department of Community Development
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7. Work on standardisation of welfare statistics is continuing. Statistical standards have been developed by WELSTAT in the areas of 'Child Maltreatment' and 'Emergency and Supplementary Assistance' for future compilation and publication of comparable data for each State and Territory. The WELSTAT project has also developed statistical standards for 'Children Under Detention (Persons in Juvenile Corrective Institutions and Children in Prison)' and 'Adoptions', statistics for which are published by the Australian Institute of Criminology and the ABS (Catalogue No. 4406.0) respectively.

Scope and coverage

8. The statistics relate to all children under the care of the State and Territory welfare departments by reason of a legal or administrative order or who have otherwise come to the notice of the State and Territory welfare departments, and to other children who are living apart from their natural or adoptive parents in foster care or in residential child care establishments.

9. Note however, that in special circumstances a person may remain or be placed under orders at age 18 years or over. These adults have been included within the scope of the WELSTAT Standards, and are therefore also included in the statistics in this publication. Details of these adults (representing only 4.0 per cent of all persons at 30 June 1984) are only shown separately in Tables 1 and 2. Other tables where they are included have been footnoted to that effect.

10. Although the State and Territory welfare departments were able to provide a full count of the children under their notice and in their own residential child care

establishments, some States experienced difficulty in obtaining the full range of information in respect of children who are living in establishments operated by other government authorities and non-government organisations. The statistics, therefore, do not provide a full count of the number of children in substitute care.

Definitions

11. The definitions below have been extracted from the WELSTAT Standards for Statistics of Children in Care. Copies of the full set of standards may be obtained from the WELSTAT Secretariat, Department of Community Services, P.O. Box 646, Woden, A.C.T. 2606.

12. A *child* is a person who is under 18 years of age.
13. An *adult* is a person who is aged 18 years and over.

14. A *child subject to orders* is one who has come to the notice of and/or is under the control of the welfare department because of some legal or administrative order. A legal or administrative order is any lawful direction by a legal or administrative body, which directly involves the welfare department with a child over and above what is generally considered normal for most children or which has an assumption that the welfare department will have carriage of the order. The order can be from a Court, Childrens Panel, Minister of the Crown, authorised officer of the welfare department or similar persons or tribunals.

15. A *guardianship order* is a legal order which makes the Minister, Director or other official of a State or Territory welfare department the legal guardian of a child, where the guardianship is conferred under legislation other than legislation controlling the adoption of children or the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946*. Generally, such children are placed under the guardianship of a State or Territory welfare department under legislation dealing with child welfare or juvenile offenders.

16. *Foster care*: a child is in foster care if he/she is living apart from his/her natural or adoptive parents in a private household, where he/she is cared for by one or more adults who act as substitute parents to the child and are paid a regular allowance for the child's support by a government authority or non-government organisation.

17. A *residential child care establishment* is an establishment mainly engaged in providing accommodation and meals, together with at least some personal care, protection, control, corrective treatment or detention, to children who, temporarily or permanently, are unable, not permitted, or unwilling to live with their natural or adoptive parents. The establishment must be provided by a government authority or non-government organisation for the purpose of providing substitute care to children.

18. *Family group home*: a residential child care establishment consisting of a single dwelling in which usually not more than 10 children are cared for round-the-clock by

the same adult or adults (often a married couple), who live in the home and act as substitute parent(s) to the children. The home must be run like a normal family home; in particular, meals must be prepared in the home and the house parent(s) and children must eat together as a family group. The dwelling must be provided by a State or Territory welfare department, other government authority or non-government organisation, for the purpose of providing substitute care to children.

19. *Campus home*: a residential child care establishment consisting of two or more dwellings that do not share cooking or eating facilities. Note that, in accordance with the definition of an establishment, there must be some form of on-site centralised administration or control. The following establishments are *excluded*:

- (a) establishments mainly providing secure detention to child offenders or children on remand for alleged offences, (these are classified as juvenile corrective institutions); and
- (b) establishments mainly for children aged 15 and over who have left school, (these are classified as juvenile hostels).

Reason for guardianship

20. A child may be made subject to an order if he/she is deemed in need of care and/or protection, or because the child is an offender or has been charged with an offence.

21. *Care/protection*: this category covers children who are placed under an order because their physical, mental, emotional or moral welfare is at risk.

22. *Offence*: this category covers children who are placed under an order because they have been found by a court, juvenile panel or other similar authority, to have committed an offence against the law. This includes children placed under an order because they have not paid a fine or have breached a probation, bond, supervision or similar order.

Related publications

23. For further information on the operations of the welfare departments refer to the annual reports published by the various departments. The statistics contained in these reports may differ from those contained in this publication because definitions, aggregations, reference dates, etc. used may differ from the standards developed for the statistics contained in this publication.

24. The Australian Institute of Criminology produces a quarterly publication on 'Persons in Juvenile Corrective Institutions' which gives further information on persons in corrective institutions in States and Territories. This series provides additional information on children in the 'Juvenile Corrective Institutions' category used in Table 3 of this publication.

25. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

26. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- n.a. not available

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

(Note: The inclusion of a small number of adults, as outlined in paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes, should be kept in mind when reading this Summary).

Table 1

As at 30 June 1984, there were 24,250 persons subject to orders of the State and Territory welfare departments; of these, 15,303 (63.1 per cent) were males and 8,947 (36.9 per cent) were females. (Adults comprised only 4.0 per cent of all persons subject to orders).

Excluding Victoria, which could not provide details of orders by reason, care and protection was the principal reason for orders for 12,520 persons (67.1 per cent) while offence was the reason for the remaining 6,145 persons. At the State/Territory level this proportion varied from a high 88.6 per cent in the Northern Territory to a low 35.8 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

Persons under orders for offence reasons were predominantly males in all States and Territories, with the lowest proportion of males to females (77.2 per cent) in the Australian Capital Territory. Offender persons also contained a higher proportion of adults (4.7 per cent of all offender persons) than persons subject to orders for care and protection (2.0 per cent).

Table 2

The age composition of children subject to orders is presented in Table 2. The 15-17 years age group contained the largest number of these children, 8,780 or 37.7 per cent of all children subject to orders. On a State/Territory basis the proportions of all children in this older age group were highest in the Australian Capital Territory, 52.7 per cent of all its children, and in Western Australia, 50.9 per cent of all its children. The lowest proportions are found in the Northern Territory and Queensland, with 24.3 per cent and 27.8 per cent respectively.

On average, male children were older than female children, 41.9 per cent of all male children being in the 15-17 years age group, compared to 30.8 per cent of all female children in the same age group. Females, however, were more heavily represented in the younger age group, 12.0 per cent of all female children under orders being aged under 5 years, while the proportion of all male children in this age group was 8.0 per cent. Among the States and Territories, only in the Australian Capital Territory was the proportion of male children in this lowest age group higher than the corresponding proportion of female children, 7.8 per cent and 7.0 per cent respectively.

Table 3

The three most used types of placement for children subject to orders are 'foster care' (37.7 per cent), 'living with parent or other relative' (34.1 per cent), and 'residential child care establishments' (17.5 per cent), although this order is not constant across all States and Territories. Victoria has the highest percentage of children subject to orders in foster care (49.6 per cent) and the Australian Capital Territory the lowest proportion (15.2 per cent), while the Australian Capital Territory has the highest proportion of children subject to orders living with parent or other relative (64.2 per cent) and Victoria the lowest (19.3 per cent). The proportion of children subject to orders in residential child care establishments ranges from 28.4 per cent in Victoria to 11.7 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 4 (and 5)

As at 30 June 1984 the number of children who had come to the notice of the State and Territory welfare departments and who had been placed in child care establishments was 7,258; of these, 2,677 were in establishments operated by the departments themselves and 4,518 were in establishments operated by private organisations. The remaining 63 children were in child care establishments operated by State and Territory government departments other than welfare departments.

In all States and Territories the number of children in child care establishments operated by private organisations exceeded the number of children in child care establishments operated by State and Territory welfare departments, the proportion of the former varying from 54.4 per cent in South Australia to 74.5 per cent in Queensland.

The pattern in 1982-83 is similar to 1983-84 for those States and Territories who were able to supply data on a comparable basis for the two years.

Of the total number of children in residential child care establishments, 3,672 (50.6 per cent) were under guardianship orders, 448 (6.2 per cent) were subject to other types of orders, and 3,144 (43.3 per cent) were not subject to any type of orders. Children in this last group were mostly placed in child care establishments operated by private organisations.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE ESTABLISHMENTS, JUNE 1984

	Subject to			Not subject to orders	All children
	Guardianship	Other orders	All orders		
N.S.W.	982	226	1,208	1,246	2,454
Vic.	1,517	—	1,517	727	2,244
Qld	643	6	649	n.a.	n.a.
S.A.	169	—	169	101	270
W.A.	214	156	370	954	1,324
Tas.	108	17	125	72	197
N.T.	9	17	26	28	54
A.C.T.	30	26	56	16	72
Australia	3,672	448	4,120	n.a.	n.a.

Excluding Queensland (where data is not available on children not under guardianship residing in child care establishments operated by private organisations), Western Australia had the greatest proportion of children in child care establishment not subject to orders (72.1 per cent) followed by the Northern Territory (51.9 per cent) and New South Wales (50.8 per cent); the Australian Capital Territory had the lowest proportion (22.2 per cent).

Tables 6 (and 7)

The total number of children at end of June 1984 for whom State and Territory welfare departments paid foster allowance was 9,757, of whom only 445 in Queensland and 695 in Western Australia were not subject to orders of the State and Territory welfare departments.

Of the 9,757 children with foster care allowance paid by State and Territory welfare departments, 5,921 were under guardianship order (3,106 males, representing 60.2 per cent of all male children with foster allowance paid by welfare departments, and 2,815 females, representing 61.2 per cent of such female children). Comparative figures as at June 1983 were 9,916 children with foster allowance paid by State and Territory welfare departments of whom 5,638 were under guardianship (2,988 males representing 56.2 per cent of all male children and 2,650 females representing 57.6 per cent of such female children).

Table 8

Data on children placed under orders during 1983-84 is incomplete for New South Wales, Victoria and the two Territories. In Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania most children (2,646 or 79.9 per cent) were placed under orders for offence reasons, while in Queensland the number was close to half (852 or 49.4 per cent).

Table 9

'Expiry of specified time' was the only significant reason for discharge from orders in all States and Territories except in New South Wales and Victoria, where 'other' (see footnote to Table 9) was the main reason, and the Australian Capital Territory for which no data is available.

TABLE 1. PERSONS SUBJECT TO ORDERS(a): REASONS FOR ORDERS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS
BY SEX, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1984

	Children			Adults			Persons		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Care and Protection									
New South Wales	2,711	2,233	4,944	146	93	239	2,857	2,326	5,183
Victoria	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Queensland	1,999	1,867	3,866	—	—	—	1,999	1,867	3,866
South Australia	643	522	1,165	—	—	—	643	522	1,165
Western Australia	750	735	1,485	5	1	6	755	736	1,491
Tasmania	312	242	554	8	2	10	320	244	564
Northern Territory	60	64	124	—	—	—	60	64	124
Australian Capital Territory	73	54	127	—	—	—	73	54	127
Offence									
New South Wales	2,085	407	2,492	48	3	51	2,133	410	2,543
Victoria	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Queensland	755	98	853	9	—	9	764	98	862
South Australia	457	79	536	52	2	54	509	81	590
Western Australia	1,316	260	1,576	122	12	134	1,438	272	1,710
Tasmania	152	42	194	—	2	2	152	44	196
Northern Territory	16	—	16	—	—	—	16	—	16
Australian Capital Territory	144	46	190	32	6	38	176	52	228
All orders									
New South Wales	4,796	2,640	7,436	194	96	290	4,990	2,736	7,726
Victoria(c)	3,060	2,097	5,157	348	80	428	3,408	2,177	5,585
Queensland	2,754	1,965	4,719	9	—	9	2,763	1,965	4,728
South Australia	1,100	601	1,701	52	2	54	1,152	603	1,755
Western Australia	2,066	995	3,061	127	13	140	2,193	1,008	3,201
Tasmania	464	284	748	8	4	12	472	288	760
Northern Territory	76	64	140	—	—	—	76	64	140
Australian Capital Territory	217	100	317	32	6	38	249	106	355
Australia	14,533	8,746	23,279	770	281	971	15,383	8,947	24,250

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9. (b) Excludes persons not in residential care. (c) Excludes persons in hospitals and nursing homes and those living independently.

TABLE 2. PERSONS SUBJECT TO ORDERS(a), AGE BY SEX, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1984

Age (years)	N.S.W.	Vic.(b)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(c)	A.C.T.	Aust.
MALES									
Children—									
0-4	367	251	351	62	80	30	7	17	1,165
5-9	574	383	496	128	157	42	13	18	2,011
10-14	1,719	1,207	1,006	367	704	170	36	61	5,270
15-17	2,136	1,019	901	543	1,125	222	20	121	6,087
Total	4,796	3,060	2,754	1,100	2,066	464	76	217	14,533
Adults	194	348	9	52	127	8	—	32	770
Total males	4,990	3,408	2,763	1,152	2,193	472	76	249	15,303
FEMALES									
Children—									
0-4	331	202	357	64	53	21	16	7	1,051
5-9	457	427	466	94	129	50	13	14	1,650
10-14	1,023	855	731	213	380	96	21	33	3,352
15-17	829	613	411	230	433	117	14	46	2,693
Total	2,640	2,097	1,965	601	995	284	64	100	8,746
Adults	96	80	—	2	13	4	—	6	201
Total females	2,736	2,177	1,965	603	1,008	288	64	106	8,947
PERSONS									
Children—									
0-4	698	453	708	126	133	51	23	24	2,216
5-9	1,031	1,010	962	222	286	92	26	32	3,661
10-14	2,742	2,062	1,737	580	1,084	266	57	94	8,622
15-17	2,965	1,632	1,312	773	1,558	339	34	167	8,780
Total	7,436	5,157	4,719	1,701	3,061	748	140	317	23,279
Adults	290	428	9	54	140	12	—	38	971
Total persons	7,726	5,585	4,728	1,755	3,201	760	140	355	24,250

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9. (b) Excludes persons in hospitals and nursing homes and those living independently. (c) Excludes persons not in residential care who are under orders for offence reasons.

TABLE 3. CHILDREN SUBJECT TO ORDERS(a): TYPE OF PLACEMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1964
(Number)

Type of placement	State and Territory								Australia		
	N.S.W.	Vic.(b)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(c)	A.C.T.	Males	Females	Total
Residential child care establishments—											
Establishments for handicapped children	137	113	15	36	24	4	1	4	198	136	334
Establishments for other children—											
Family group homes	189	723	204	24	63	64	11	5	737	546	1,283
Campus homes	145	236	121	—	85	10	—	31	385	243	628
Juvenile hostels	61	150	42	26	65	5	—	1	224	126	350
Juvenile corrective institutions	409	169	106	31	99	27	14	15	722	148	870
Other homes for children	304	197	164	54	37	15	—	—	532	239	771
Total residential child care establishments	1,245	1,588	652	171	373	125	26	56	2,798	1,438	4,236
Other residential care establishments—											
Hospitals and nursing homes	58	n.a.	30	1	2	3	1	—	53	42	95
Boarding schools	18	n.a.	9	—	—	1	2	—	15	15	30
Prisons	—	(d)130	4	6	4	6	1	—	151	—	151
Residential adult care establishments	8	—	67	—	3	—	—	—	43	35	78
Total other residential care establishments	84	130	110	7	9	10	4	—	262	92	354
Foster care	3,083	2,768	1,547	678	692	256	62	54	4,942	4,198	9,140
Living with parent or other relative	2,747	1,080	2,018	802	1,012	332	39	228	5,816	2,442	8,258
Other adults care	182	14	118	73	124	19	3	—	301	232	533
Living independently	356	—	185	9	19	12	4	15	351	249	600
Unauthorised absence	29	5	36	10	7	6	—	2	61	34	95
Other placement	—	—	62	5	965	—	2	—	772	262	1,034
Total	7,726	5,585	4,728	1,755	3,281	760	140	355	15,383	8,947	24,250

(a) Includes a small number of adults (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9). (b) Excludes persons in hospitals and nursing homes and those living independently. (c) Excludes persons not in residential care who are under orders for offence reasons. (d) Includes youth training centres.

TABLE 4. CHILDREN UNDER GUARDIANSHIP ORDER AND ALL OTHER CHILDREN(a) IN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE ESTABLISHMENTS: SEX AND AGE BY TYPE OF OPERATING ORGANISATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1984

		Type of operating organisation														
		State/Territory welfare department					Private organisations									
		Age (years)					Age (years)					Age (years)				
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total
New South Wales																
Children under guardianship order	males	9	71	282	304	666	—	—	41	17	58	9	71	323	321	724
	females	1	23	110	93	227	—	2	17	12	31	1	25	127	105	258
All other children	males	2	6	28	37	73	29	170	350	165	714	31	176	378	202	787
	females	1	4	19	17	41	45	134	307	158	644	46	138	326	175	685
Victoria																
Children under guardianship order	males	20	41	190	103	354	23	92	265	194	574	43	133	455	297	928
	females	12	24	139	59	234	19	61	157	118	355	31	85	296	177	589
All other children	males	3	1	58	47	109	24	75	154	123	376	27	76	212	170	485
	females	5	1	14	17	37	14	52	73	66	205	19	53	87	83	242
Queensland																
Children under guardianship order	males	3	14	35	61	113	12	65	192	47	316	15	79	227	108	429
	females	3	1	25	22	51	19	52	81	11	163	22	53	106	33	214
All other children	males	—	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	females	—	—	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
South Australia																
Children under guardianship order	males	—	2	22	40	64	—	1	17	19	37	—	4	45	61	(b)110
	females	—	1	6	4	11	—	7	14	19	40	—	8	27	24	(b)59
All other children	males	—	—	12	19	31	—	6	18	19	43	—	6	30	38	74
	females	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	17	27	—	—	10	17	27
Western Australia																
Children under guardianship order	males	—	2	11	6	19	1	10	48	29	88	1	14	63	38	(c)116
	females	—	2	9	10	21	3	4	37	26	70	3	7	48	40	(c)98
All other children	males	2	45	150	132	329	29	84	129	78	320	32	133	281	211	(d)657
	females	1	31	85	72	189	27	53	103	70	253	28	88	193	144	(d)453
Tasmania																
Children under guardianship order	males	1	2	11	13	27	—	5	24	12	41	1	7	35	25	68
	females	2	—	3	13	18	—	5	9	8	22	2	5	12	21	40
All other children	males	4	3	9	5	21	1	6	11	19	37	5	9	20	24	58
	females	1	1	4	4	10	—	3	7	11	21	1	4	11	15	31
Northern Territory																
Children under guardianship order	males	—	—	2	1	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	4	1	5
	females	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	2	4
All other children	males	—	—	5	10	15	1	4	5	6	16	1	4	10	16	31
	females	—	—	2	—	2	1	3	7	1	12	1	3	9	1	14
Australian Capital Territory																
Children under guardianship order	males	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	1	12	3	5	6	3	(e)17
	females	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	5	1	11	3	2	5	3	(e)13
All other children	males	—	—	—	6	6	4	5	3	6	18	4	5	4	13	(f)26
	females	—	—	—	3	3	3	1	3	4	11	3	1	3	9	(f)16

(a) Includes all children other than those under guardianship orders, whether subject to some order or not. (b) Includes 9 males and 8 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (c) Includes 9 males and 7 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (d) Includes 8 males and 11 females not under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (e) Includes 5 males and 2 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by government departments other than the Department of Territories. (f) Includes 2 males and 2 females not under guardianship placed in establishments operated by government departments other than the Department of Territories.

TABLE 5. CHILDREN UNDER GUARDIANSHIP ORDER AND ALL OTHER CHILDREN^(a) IN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE ESTABLISHMENTS: SEX AND AGE BY TYPE OF OPERATING ORGANISATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1963

		Type of operating organisation														
		State/Territory welfare department					Private organisations									
		Age (years)					Age (years)					Age (years)				
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total
New South Wales—																
Children under guardianship order	males	13	45	311	439	808	3	4	28	29	64	16	49	339	468	872
	females	4	19	135	87	245	—	1	15	10	26	4	20	150	97	271
All other children	males	3	9	14	83	109	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	females	3	2	13	13	31	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Victoria(b)—																
Children under guardianship order	males	33	47	172	99	351	29	100	293	181	603	62	147	465	280	954
	females	23	27	132	67	249	25	80	204	123	432	48	107	336	190	681
All other children	males	1	7	20	79	107	37	85	193	127	442	38	92	213	206	549
	females	7	4	8	9	28	20	55	97	72	244	27	59	105	81	272
Queensland—																
Children under guardianship order	males	2	11	46	66	125	6	70	202	61	339	8	81	248	127	464
	females	7	1	31	11	50	11	60	103	19	193	18	61	134	30	243
All other children	males	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	females	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
South Australia—																
Children under guardianship order	males	—	3	18	46	67	—	3	16	11	30	—	6	41	59	(c)106
	females	—	3	4	3	10	3	5	20	12	40	3	8	26	16	(c)53
All other children	males	—	—	19	45	64	—	5	18	34	57	—	5	37	79	121
	females	—	—	—	5	5	1	1	6	20	28	1	1	6	25	33
Western Australia—																
Children under guardianship order	males	1	9	15	24	49	3	27	56	31	117	4	37	73	58	(d)172
	females	1	4	23	23	51	3	14	45	21	83	19	70	47	47	(d)140
All other children	males	28	99	119	246	491	19	64	181	105	369	19	95	286	228	(e)628
	females	—	24	70	65	159	20	47	111	92	270	20	72	186	162	(e)440
Tasmania—																
Children under guardianship order	males	2	—	13	18	33	—	8	14	16	38	2	8	27	34	71
	females	1	—	8	9	18	—	7	11	15	29	1	3	19	24	47
All other children	males	2	1	8	6	17	1	7	9	24	41	3	8	17	30	58
	females	1	4	5	—	10	—	2	6	13	21	1	6	11	13	31
Northern Territory—																
Children under guardianship order	males	—	—	7	11	18	1	2	5	1	9	1	2	12	12	27
	females	—	—	4	5	9	2	1	2	—	5	2	1	6	5	14
All other children	males	—	—	2	4	6	—	7	5	4	16	—	7	7	8	22
	females	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	3	2	11	1	5	3	2	11
Australian Capital Territory—																
Children under guardianship order	males	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	6	6	20	2	7	9	7	(f)25
	females	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	5	13	1	3	5	6	(f)15
All other children	males	—	—	1	2	3	1	2	9	4	16	1	2	11	6	(g)20
	females	—	—	1	1	2	6	1	4	8	19	6	1	5	9	21

(a) Includes all children other than those under guardianship orders, whether subject to some order or not. (b) Excludes a number of children placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department of Community Services. (c) Includes 9 males and 3 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (d) Includes 6 males and 6 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (e) Includes 13 males and 11 females not under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (f) Includes 3 males and 2 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by government departments other than the Department of Territories. (g) Includes 1 male not under guardianship placed in an establishment operated by a government department other than the Department of Territories.

TABLE 6. CHILDREN UNDER GUARDIANSHIP ORDER AND ALL OTHER CHILDREN(a) IN FOSTER CARE WITH FOSTER ALLOWANCE PAID BY STATE/TERRITORY WELFARE DEPARTMENT : SEX BY AGE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1964

	Children under guardianship					All other children					Age(years)				
	Age(years)					Age(years)					Age(years)				
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total
New South Wales															
Males	167	266	419	319	1,171	89	78	92	48	307	256	344	511	367	1,478
Females	150	205	378	244	977	83	81	142	55	361	233	286	520	299	1,338
Total	317	471	797	563	2,148	172	159	234	103	668	489	630	1,031	666	2,816
Victoria															
Males	60	97	109	47	313	86	235	396	372	1,089	146	332	505	419	1,402
Females	57	75	117	45	294	79	174	306	259	818	136	249	423	304	1,112
Total	117	172	226	92	607	165	409	702	631	1,907	282	581	928	723	2,514
Queensland															
Males	198	211	282	60	751	31	60	85	41	217	229	271	367	101	968
Females	201	221	286	79	787	26	72	88	51	237	227	293	374	130	1,024
Total	399	432	568	139	1,538	57	132	173	92	454	456	564	741	231	1,992
South Australia															
Males	45	85	165	79	374	—	—	—	—	—	45	85	165	79	374
Females	44	65	122	73	304	—	—	—	—	—	44	65	122	73	304
Total	89	150	287	152	678	—	—	—	—	—	89	150	287	152	678
Western Australia															
Males	39	78	145	66	328	57	117	191	35	420	96	195	336	121	748
Females	27	56	131	71	285	47	108	137	62	354	74	164	268	133	639
Total	66	134	276	137	613	104	225	328	117	774	170	359	604	254	1,387
Tasmania															
Males	19	25	54	21	119	3	1	1	1	6	22	26	55	22	125
Females	13	34	48	26	121	4	1	—	3	8	17	35	48	29	129
Total	32	59	102	47	240	7	2	1	4	14	39	61	103	51	254
Northern Territory															
Males	3	3	17	2	25	3	1	2	—	6	6	4	19	2	31
Females	9	9	7	3	28	2	—	1	—	3	11	9	8	3	31
Total	12	12	24	5	53	5	1	3	—	9	17	13	27	5	62
Australian Capital Territory															
Males	7	7	6	5	25	—	—	1	5	6	7	7	7	10	31
Females	2	5	9	3	19	—	—	2	2	4	2	5	11	5	23
Total	9	12	15	8	44	—	—	3	7	10	9	12	18	15	54
Australia															
All males	538	772	1,197	599	3,106	269	492	768	522	2,051	807	1,264	1,965	1,121	5,157
All females	503	670	1,050	544	2,815	241	436	676	432	1,785	744	1,106	1,774	976	4,600
Total	1,041	1,442	2,247	1,143	5,921	510	928	1,444	954	3,836	1,551	2,370	3,739	2,097	9,757

(a) Includes all children other than those under guardianship orders, whether subject to same order or not.

TABLE 7. CHILDREN UNDER GUARDIANSHIP ORDER AND ALL OTHER CHILDREN(a) IN FOSTER CARE WITH FOSTER ALLOWANCE PAID BY STATE/TERRITORY WELFARE DEPARTMENT : SEX BY AGE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1983

	Children under guardianship					All other children					Age(years)				
	Age(years)					Age(years)					Age(years)				
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total
New South Wales															
Males	157	266	425	222	1,070	89	88	135	67	379	246	354	560	289	1,449
Females	149	206	377	173	905	74	75	145	65	359	223	281	522	238	1,264
Total	306	472	802	395	1,975	163	163	280	132	738	469	635	1,082	527	2,713
Victoria															
Males	32	63	109	89	293	138	285	489	396	1,308	170	348	598	485	1,601
Females	29	49	90	66	234	128	223	404	284	1,039	157	272	494	350	1,273
Total	61	112	199	155	527	266	508	893	680	2,347	327	620	1,092	835	2,874
Queensland															
Males	192	221	283	64	760	26	48	85	41	200	218	269	368	105	960
Females	186	216	259	84	745	28	57	75	40	200	214	273	334	124	945
Total	378	437	542	148	1,505	54	105	160	81	400	432	542	702	229	1,905
South Australia															
Males	42	93	168	66	369	—	—	13	9	22	42	93	181	75	391
Females	46	56	116	78	296	—	—	2	—	2	46	56	118	78	298
Total	88	149	284	144	665	—	—	15	9	24	88	149	299	153	689
Western Australia															
Males	29	87	151	46	313	56	126	172	49	403	85	213	323	95	716
Females	29	63	149	65	306	52	98	138	38	326	81	161	287	103	632
Total	58	150	300	111	619	108	224	310	87	729	166	374	610	198	1,348
Tasmania															
Males	15	37	51	20	123	2	2	—	—	4	17	39	51	20	127
Females	15	37	41	22	115	4	2	1	1	8	19	39	42	23	123
Total	30	74	92	42	238	6	4	1	1	12	36	78	93	43	250
Northern Territory															
Males	9	5	18	4	36	2	—	2	1	5	11	5	20	5	41
Females	7	7	11	4	29	—	2	1	—	3	7	9	12	4	32
Total	16	12	29	8	65	2	2	3	1	8	18	14	32	9	73
Australian Capital Territory															
Males	4	10	8	2	24	4	—	3	2	9	8	10	11	4	33
Females	3	8	6	3	20	—	1	4	6	11	3	9	10	9	31
Total	7	18	14	5	44	4	1	7	8	20	11	19	21	13	64
Australia															
All males	400	782	1,213	513	2,908	317	549	899	565	2,330	797	1,331	2,112	1,078	5,318
All females	464	642	1,049	495	2,650	286	458	778	434	1,948	750	1,100	1,819	929	4,598
Total	944	1,424	2,262	1,008	5,558	603	1,007	1,669	999	4,278	1,547	2,431	3,931	2,007	9,916

(a) Includes all children other than those under guardianship orders, whether subject to same order or not.

TABLE 8. CHILDREN PLACED UNDER ORDERS(a): REASON FOR ORDER AND TYPE OF ORDER, BY SEX
STATES AND TERRITORIES, DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 1964

Reason for order	Males	Females	Total	1982-83
New South Wales—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	224	238	462	517
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Offence—				
Guardianship order	1,165	57	1,222	1,357
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Victoria—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	359	287	646	707
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Offence—				
Guardianship order	66	10	76	82
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Queensland—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	364	359	723	664
All other orders	81	68	149	54
Offence—				
Guardianship order	324	39	363	487
All other orders	430	59	489	519
South Australia—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	224	203	427	399
All other orders	—	—	—	—
Offence—				
Guardianship order	—	—	—	—
All other orders	1,038	156	1,194	1,251
Western Australia—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	95	74	169	198
All other orders	9	18	27	28
Offence—				
Guardianship order	4	1	5	6
All other orders	985	186	1,171	1,589
Tasmania—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	—	—	—	n.a.
All other orders	20	23	43	n.a.
Offence—				
Guardianship order	—	—	—	n.a.
All other orders	224	52	276	n.a.
Northern Territory—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	50	51	101	93
All other orders	128	114	242	20
Offence—				
Guardianship order	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(a)22
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(a)11
Australian Capital Territory—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	20
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40
Offence—				
Guardianship order	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	101

(a) Includes a small number of adults (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

TABLE 9. CHILDREN DISCHARGED FROM ORDERS(a) : REASON FOR DISCHARGE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 1964

Reason for discharge	State and Territory of discharge						
	N.S.W.(b)	Vic.(b)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.
MALES							
Expiry of specified time	362	29	1,049	1,193	1,145	304	170
Death	2	—	—	—	4	1	—
Adoption	31	2	86	3	4	3	1
Other(c)	1,029	513	193	118	97	31	26
Total	1,424	544	1,328	1,314	1,250	339	197
FEMALES							
Expiry of specified time	148	31	230	228	413	108	148
Death	2	—	2	2	1	—	—
Adoption	17	7	82	1	9	3	—
Other(c)	215	415	155	125	82	18	18
Total	382	453	469	356	505	129	166
TOTAL							
Expiry of specified time	510	60	1,279	1,421	1,558	412	318
Death	4	—	2	2	5	1	—
Adoption	48	9	168	4	13	6	1
Other(c)	1,244	928	348	243	179	49	44
Total	1,806	997	1,797	1,670	1,755	468	363

(a) Includes a small number of adults (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9). (b) Includes only persons discharged from guardianship orders. (c) Includes discharges by departmental decision, successful court appeals, parents applications, order of minister and Governor-in-Council, and transfer of order to another State or Territory.