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Acknowledgement of country

The Department of Communities proudly acknowledges Traditional Custodians throughout Western Australia and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waters, families and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures and to Elders past and present.

About the artists

The artwork featured in this document has been contributed by three members of our Aboriginal Employee Network, a peer support network providing opportunities for connection and professional development locally and statewide.



Connection to Country

Brianna Barron-Liddell
Brianna is a proud Nyul Nyul and Worrorra woman living in the Pilbara with family ties to Noongar Ballardong and Yamatji Badimaya countries.



Closing the gap between culture and pride

Memphis Jackson
Memphis is a proud Noongar woman, with close family connections to Wagyl Kaip, Yamatji and Whadjuk countries.



Marr journey of me

Ronella Hayden
Ronella is a proud Noongar woman with ties to Ballardong country.

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The year at a glance

Children and young people needing protection are safe from abuse and harm

78,012
Contacts to the Department

17,121
Notifications

14,032
Child Safety Investigations

798
Protection orders granted

68,503
Family and domestic violence incidents with and without children

5,002
Mandatory reports

Children and young people in the Chief Executive Officer's care receive a high quality of care and have much improved life chances

5,189
Children in care

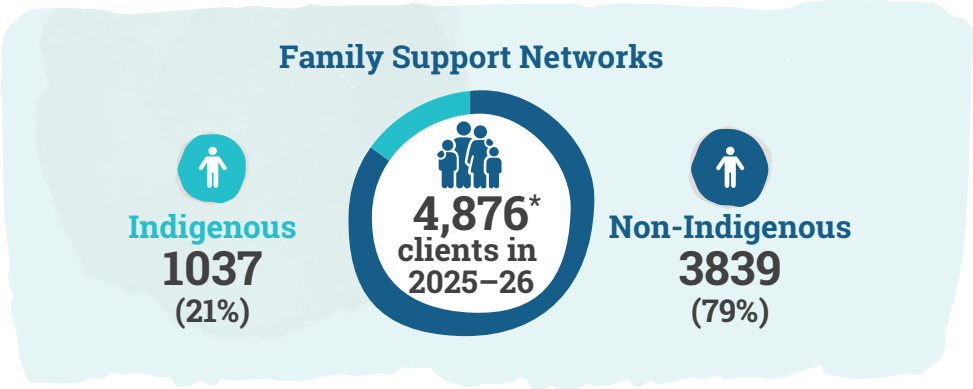
3,243
Foster carer households

4,022
Children in foster/ family care

635
Children in residential care

1,644
Viewpoint surveys completed by children in care

Family Support Network clients



Corridor	Number of cases			Number of clients			Indigenous clients		
	Assessment and coordination	Intensive case management	Total cases	Assessment and coordination	Intensive case management	Total clients	Assessment and Coordination	Intensive case management	Total clients
Armadale / Cannington	357	76	433	1074	282	1356	240	136	376
Fremantle / Rockingham	391	59	450	1155	223	1378	200	47	247
Mirrabooka / Joondalup	271	69	340	998	237	1235	170	41	211
Perth / Midland	237	58	295	760	218	978	147	66	213
Total	1256	262	**1518**	3987	960	**4947**	757	290	**1047**

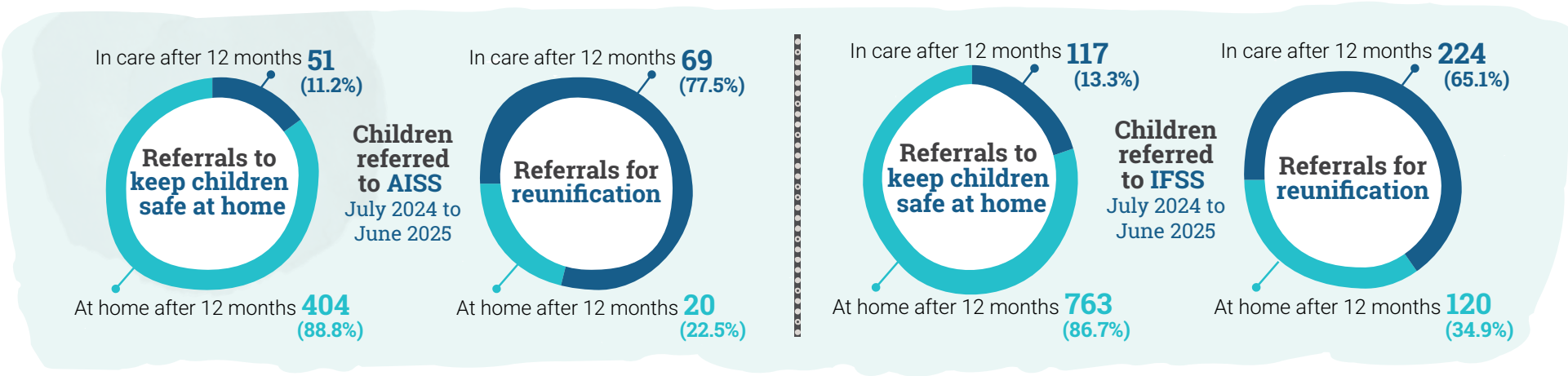
*The client count in this table is higher than the same in the above infographic. This discrepancy is due to clients being recorded in multiple corridors.

Intensive Family Support cases, Intensive Family Support Service referrals, Aboriginal In-home Support Service referrals and Best Beginnings Plus cases, by district

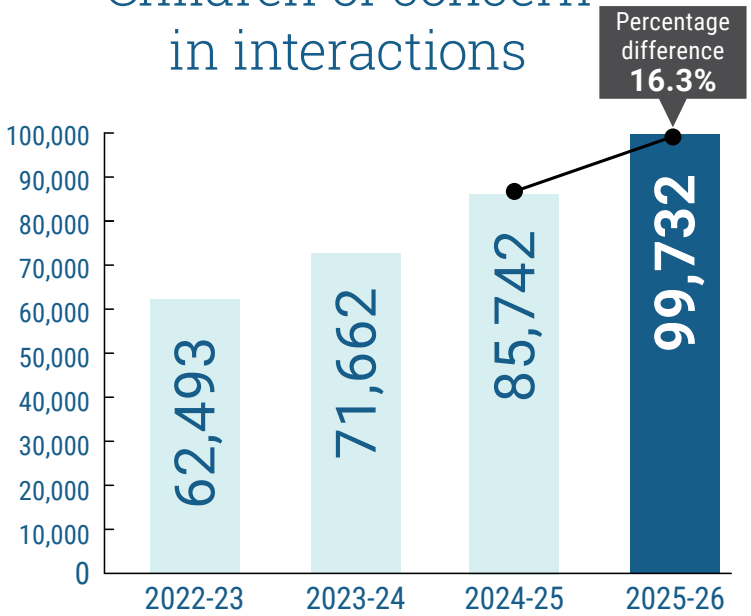
District	Intensive Family Support cases	Intensive Family Support Service referrals	Aboriginal In-home Support Service referrals*	Best Beginnings Plus cases
Armadale	157	40	27	70
Bindjareb	56	28	22	25
Cannington	177	35	16	15
East Kimberley	112	28	0	5
Fremantle	86	47	22	40
Goldfields	56	16	0	19
Great Southern	43	19	0	9
Joondalup	117	71	15	49
Midland	124	58	14	63
Midwest Gascoyne	48	39	0	30
Mirrabooka	139	50	22	33
Perth	88	46	15	24
Pilbara	114	71	0	16
Rockingham	99	28	17	58
Southwest	105	47	0	56
West Kimberley	146	45	0	25
Wheatbelt	41	18	0	20
Other	0	1	1	0
Total	1708	687	171	557

* The Aboriginal In-home Support Service is a metropolitan service only.

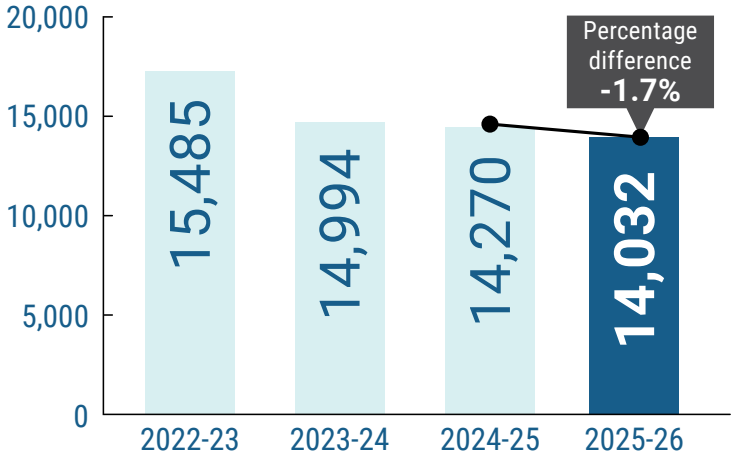
Effectiveness of Aboriginal In-home Support Service and Intensive Family Support Service referrals in 2024-25



Children of concern in interactions



Child Safety Investigations commenced



Action taken as a result of Child Safety Investigations

Outcome of Child Safety Investigations	Substantiated		Not substantiated		Unable to complete assessment		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Intervention action	176	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	396
Commence Family Support (s.21)	20	9	7	15	0	0	0	0	51
Safety issues addressed – No further action	1049	1302	1400	2231	0	0	0	0	5982
Action not possible	41	11	0	0	461	620	0	0	1133
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	2184	2757	4941
Commence Intensive Family Support (s.32)	704	639	21	22	0	0	0	0	1386
Referral to external program	36	60	13	34	0	0	0	0	143
Total	2026	2241	1441	2302	461	620	2184	2757	14032



Outcome of assessed concerns

Outcome of assessed concerns	Neglect		Emotional abuse – FDV		Emotional abuse – other		Physical abuse		Sexual abuse		Wellbeing concerns		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Substantiated	69	48	79	76	28	40	53	78	20	46	6	6	549
Substantiated likelihood harm	831	754	1662	1382	169	288	213	330	66	110	17	23	5845
Not substantiated	684	804	901	975	104	274	395	863	218	576	9	23	5826
Suitable adult	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	10
No suitable adult	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	12	24
In process	659	649	1061	1360	115	239	240	551	159	394	2	19	5448
Unable to complete*	215	193	349	400	34	72	66	112	62	111	5	10	1629
Total	2461	2451	4052	4195	450	913	967	1934	525	1238	48	97	19331

A Child Safety Investigation may identify more than one concern and the Department assesses each of these concerns individually.

*Refers to circumstances such as a young person's refusal to engage with the Department's worker, or when a subject child or family has relocated during an investigation and their whereabouts are unknown.

Outcomes of Child Safety Investigations, by district

District	Intervention action		Intensive Family Support		Family Support		Referral to external program		Safety issues addressed		Action not possible		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Armadale															
Substantiated	15	39	40	67	0	0	14	23	76	174	1	0	0	0	449
Not substantiated	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	7	75	266	0	0	0	0	352
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	32	0	0	58
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	288	399
Total	**15**	**39**	**41**	**68**	**1**	**1**	**14**	**30**	**151**	**440**	**27**	**32**	**111**	**288**	**1258**
Bindjareb															
Substantiated	18	42	24	43	0	0	0	0	33	91	2	1	0	0	254
Not substantiated	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	224	0	0	0	0	272
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	37	0	0	49
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	148	187
Total	**18**	**42**	**24**	**44**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**80**	**315**	**14**	**38**	**39**	**148**	**762**

Outcomes of Child Safety Investigations, by district

District	Intervention action		Intensive Family Support		Family Support		Referral to external program		Safety issues addressed		Action not possible		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Cannington															
Substantiated	15	9	47	68	7	4	6	7	61	129	1	0	0	0	354
Not substantiated	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	75	185	0	0	0	0	269
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	84	0	0	116
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	136	222
Total	**15**	**9**	**47**	**70**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**7**	**136**	**314**	**33**	**84**	**86**	**136**	**961**
East Kimberley															
Substantiated	9	0	74	2	0	0	1	0	69	0	5	0	0	0	160
Not substantiated	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	43
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	5	0	0	23
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192	56	248
Total	**9**	**0**	**74**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**110**	**1**	**23**	**5**	**192**	**56**	**474**
Fremantle															
Substantiated	6	16	32	62	0	2	5	0	45	59	2	1	0	0	230
Not substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	62	171	0	0	0	0	244
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	38	0	0	55
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	75	111
Total	**6**	**16**	**32**	**62**	**0**	**3**	**8**	**7**	**107**	**230**	**19**	**39**	**36**	**75**	**640**

Outcomes of Child Safety Investigations, by district

District	Intervention action		Intensive Family Support		Family Support		Referral to external program		Safety issues addressed		Action not possible		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Goldfields															
Substantiated	9	7	43	8	0	1	0	0	81	105	3	1	0	0	258
Not substantiated	0	0	16	8	0	0	0	0	136	110	0	0	0	0	270
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	38	0	0	119
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151	76	227
Total	**9**	**7**	**59**	**16**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**217**	**215**	**84**	**39**	**151**	**76**	**874**
Great Southern															
Substantiated	11	13	20	29	0	0	0	0	73	84	3	0	0	0	233
Not substantiated	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	77	34	0	0	0	0	113
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	14	0	0	22
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	75
Total	**11**	**13**	**20**	**31**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**150**	**118**	**11**	**14**	**35**	**40**	**443**
Joondalup															
Substantiated	6	14	35	80	0	0	0	10	42	112	1	0	0	0	300
Not substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	95	282	0	0	0	0	384
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	31	0	0	37
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	232	295
Total	**6**	**14**	**35**	**80**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**15**	**137**	**394**	**7**	**31**	**63**	**232**	**1016**

Outcomes of Child Safety Investigations, by district

District	Intervention action		Intensive Family Support		Family Support		Referral to external program		Safety issues addressed		Action not possible		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Midland															
Substantiated	19	5	49	33	0	0	5	7	60	71	2	2	0	0	253
Not substantiated	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	81	159	0	0	0	0	244
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	59	0	0	82
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	185	345
Total	**19**	**5**	**49**	**34**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**10**	**141**	**230**	**25**	**61**	**160**	**185**	**924**
Midwest Gascoyne															
Substantiated	8	3	21	7	3	0	0	0	118	63	0	0	0	0	223
Not substantiated	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	212	76	0	0	0	0	290
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	66	0	0	154
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254	112	366
Total	**8**	**3**	**22**	**7**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**330**	**139**	**88**	**66**	**254**	**112**	**1033**
Mirrabooka															
Substantiated	17	22	49	89	1	0	0	10	36	106	4	6	0	0	340
Not substantiated	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	11	16	80	0	0	0	0	112
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	27	0	0	38
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	120	172
Total	**17**	**22**	**49**	**91**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**21**	**52**	**186**	**15**	**33**	**52**	**120**	**662**

Outcomes of Child Safety Investigations, by district

District	Intervention action		Intensive Family Support		Family Support		Referral to external program		Safety issues addressed		Action not possible		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Perth															
Substantiated	11	12	11	16	0	0	0	0	3	16	6	0	0	0	75
Not substantiated	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	39	65	0	0	0	0	108
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	22	0	0	26
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	245	329
Total	**11**	**12**	**11**	**16**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**42**	**81**	**10**	**22**	**84**	**245**	**538**
Pilbara															
Substantiated	2	0	129	10	5	0	2	0	153	25	10	0	0	0	336
Not substantiated	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	177	48	0	0	0	0	229
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	31	0	0	83
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	277	72	349
Total	**2**	**0**	**130**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**330**	**73**	**62**	**31**	**277**	**72**	**997**
Rockingham															
Substantiated	1	7	28	63	1	0	0	0	28	74	0	0	0	0	202
Not substantiated	0	0	0	2	0	7	1	0	73	275	0	0	0	0	358
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	0	17
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	472	581
Total	**1**	**7**	**28**	**65**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**0**	**101**	**349**	**8**	**9**	**109**	**472**	**1158**

Outcomes of Child Safety Investigations, by district

District	Intervention action		Intensive Family Support		Family Support		Referral to external program		Safety issues addressed		Action not possible		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Southwest															
Substantiated	14	26	31	49	0	0	3	3	37	113	0	0	0	0	276
Not substantiated	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	63	162	0	0	0	0	229
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	62	0	0	85
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	258	369
Total	**14**	**26**	**31**	**50**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**100**	**275**	**23**	**62**	**111**	**258**	**959**
West Kimberley															
Substantiated	8	0	57	3	0	0	0	0	77	3	1	0	0	0	149
Not substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	10	0	0	0	0	104
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	34	0	0	65
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325	113	438
Total	**8**	**0**	**57**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**171**	**13**	**32**	**34**	**325**	**113**	**756**
Wheatbelt															
Substantiated	7	5	14	9	3	2	0	0	57	77	0	0	0	0	174
Not substantiated	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	35	82	0	0	0	0	119
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	31	0	0	52
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	127	221
Total	**7**	**5**	**16**	**9**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**92**	**159**	**21**	**31**	**94**	**127**	**566**

Outcomes of Child Safety Investigations, by district

District	Intervention action		Intensive Family Support		Family Support		Referral to external program		Safety issues addressed		Action not possible		In process		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Other work units															
Substantiated	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Unable to complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**11**
Grand total	**176**	**220**	**725**	**661**	**27**	**24**	**49**	**94**	**2449**	**3533**	**502**	**631**	**2184**	**2757**	**14032**

Protection applications lodged and orders granted, by district

Protection applications lodged in 2025-26 by district

District	Applications for Indigenous children	Applications for non-Indigenous children
Armadale	56	90
Bindjareb	51	84
Cannington	46	26
East Kimberley	39	0
Fremantle	32	38
Goldfields	39	13
Great Southern	27	26
Joondalup	30	57
Midland	87	23
Midwest Gascoyne	39	8
Mirrabooka	66	72
Perth	22	49
Pilbara	33	0
Rockingham	8	34
Southwest	37	73
West Kimberley	42	3
Wheatbelt	30	9
Other Work Units	3	2
Total	687	607

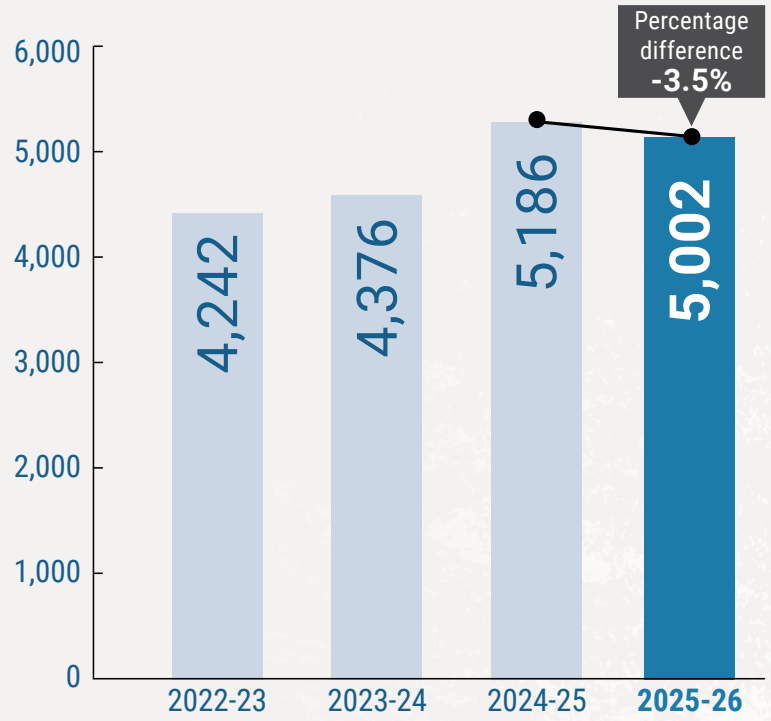
Protection orders granted, by district*

District	Orders for Indigenous children	Orders for non-Indigenous children
Armadale	42	51
Bindjareb	34	43
Cannington	23	29
East Kimberley	31	0
Fremantle	16	22
Goldfields	27	2
Great Southern	11	16
Joondalup	9	25
Midland	64	34
Midwest Gascoyne	17	5
Mirrabooka	45	47
Perth	12	33
Pilbara	13	1
Rockingham	2	10
Southwest	26	40
West Kimberley	32	0
Wheatbelt	25	10
Other Work Units	1	0
Total	430	368

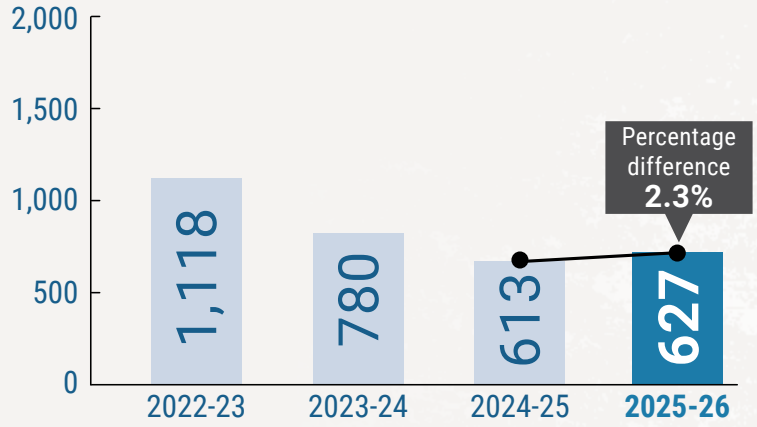
*Orders granted in the financial year may relate to applications made in previous years.

Mandatory reporting

Mandatory reports



New Child Safety Investigations from mandatory reports



Crisis Care contacts



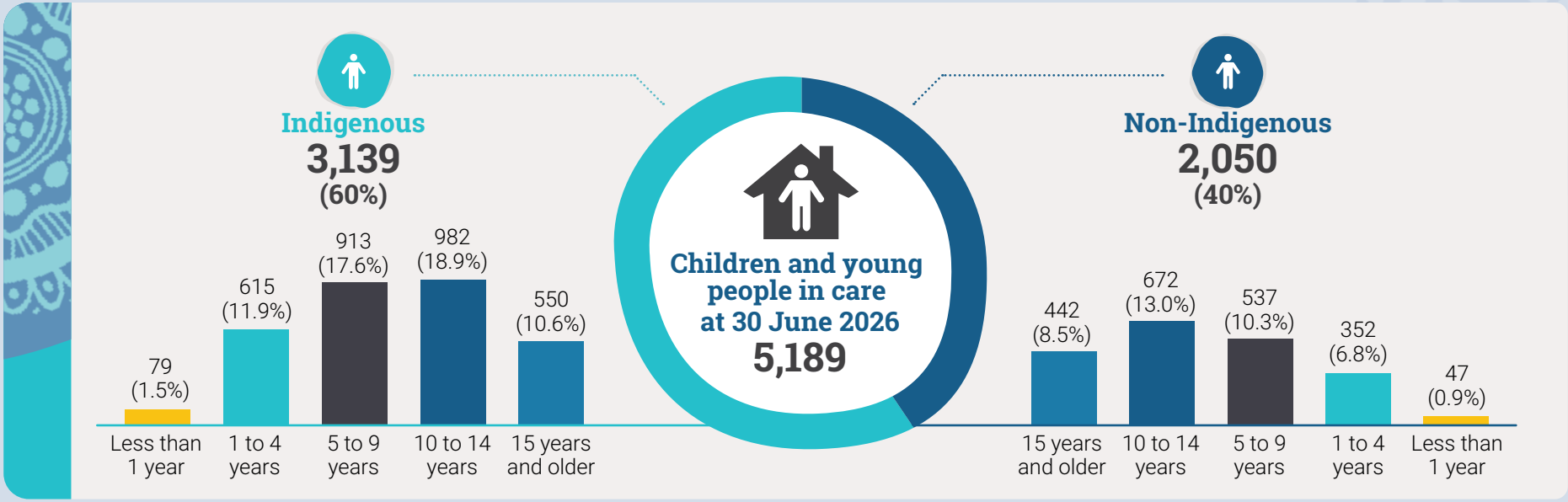
39,885 Crisis Care
1,589 Domestic violence helplines
1,384 Youth at risk service

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding

Children and young people in care at 30 June 2026 by district

District	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
Armadale	341	284	625
Bindjareb	145	173	318
Cannington	254	162	416
East Kimberley	156	0	156
Fremantle	147	118	265
Goldfields	130	25	155
Great Southern	97	68	165
Joondalup	146	183	329
Midland	354	169	523
Midwest Gascoyne	183	40	223
Mirrabooka	225	213	438
Perth	133	146	279
Pilbara	177	7	184
Rockingham	97	154	251
Southwest	177	240	417
West Kimberley	226	3	229
Wheatbelt	147	53	200
Professional Practice Unit	4	12	16
Total	3,139	2,050	5,189

Age of children in care at 30 June 2026



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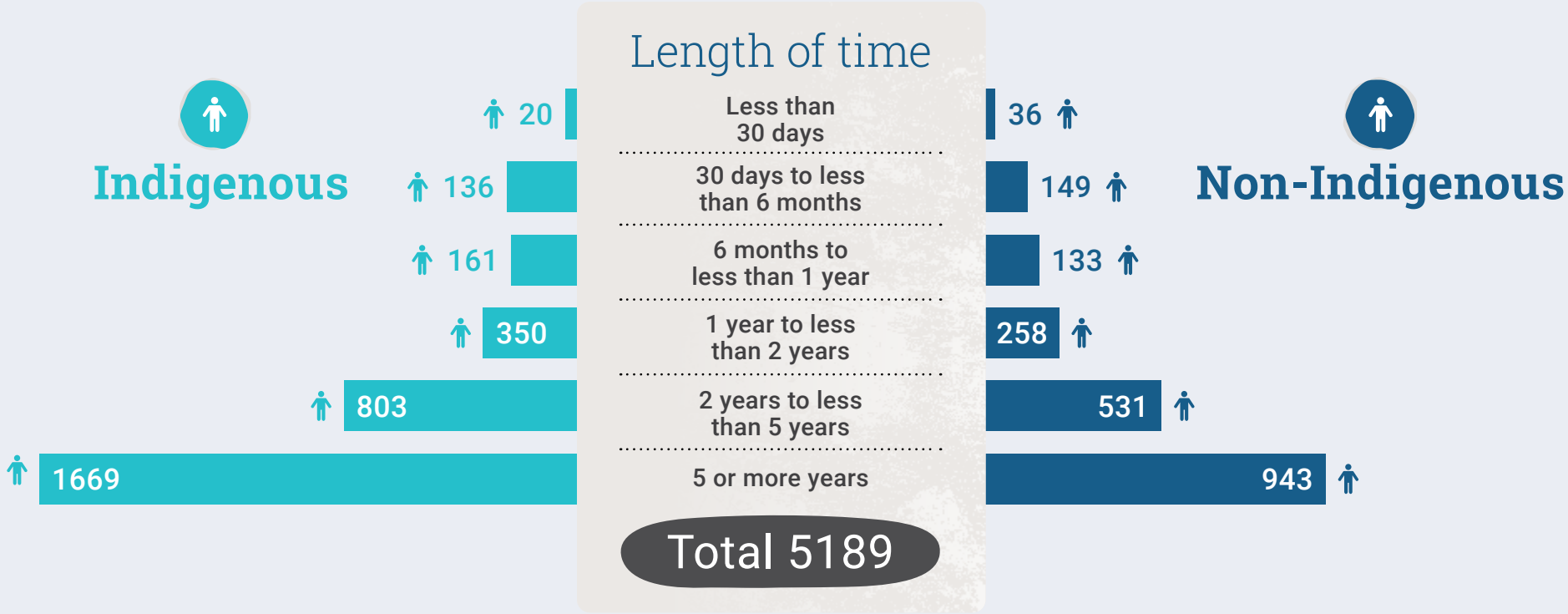
Age of children and young people in care at 30 June 2026 by district

District	Less than 1 year		1 to 4 years		5 to 9 years		10 to 14 years		15 years and older		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Armadale	8	4	83	67	98	81	93	90	59	42	625
Bindjareb	8	3	36	36	49	51	32	56	20	27	318
Cannington	3	1	49	22	61	35	93	55	48	49	416
East Kimberley	3	0	26	0	41	0	51	0	35	0	156
Fremantle	3	3	39	20	41	26	37	43	27	26	265
Goldfields	3	0	36	3	49	10	25	7	17	5	155
Great Southern	4	3	23	15	23	16	26	24	21	10	165
Joondalup	1	4	19	26	45	36	44	75	37	42	329
Midland	6	3	66	25	110	50	122	52	50	39	523
Midwest Gascoyne	4	1	36	6	52	13	53	13	38	7	223
Mirrabooka	8	9	53	23	52	72	74	66	38	43	438
Perth	6	3	29	25	44	32	33	52	21	34	279
Pilbara	7	0	20	2	64	2	63	2	23	1	184
Rockingham	1	0	10	29	26	32	40	45	20	48	251
Southwest	4	7	28	45	46	72	65	68	34	48	417
West Kimberley	8	0	43	0	74	1	71	2	30	0	229
Wheatbelt	2	0	18	3	37	7	58	22	32	21	200
Professional Practice Unit	0	6	1	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	16
Total	79	47	615	352	913	537	982	672	550	442	5189

Children and young people by length of time in care, by district

District	Less than 30 days		30 days to less than 6 months		6 months to less than 1 year		1 year to less than 2 years		2 years to less than 5 years		5 years or more		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Armadale	4	7	12	19	13	31	47	30	95	78	170	119	625
Bindjareb	1	4	17	22	10	14	29	36	42	21	46	76	318
Cannington	0	0	17	6	6	3	17	15	64	42	150	96	416
East Kimberley	4	0	3	0	13	0	11	0	46	0	79	0	156
Fremantle	0	0	8	13	8	10	27	9	36	23	68	63	265
Goldfields	1	0	7	6	6	2	15	3	39	10	62	4	155
Great Southern	1	1	7	4	9	7	11	11	21	25	48	20	165
Joondalup	0	1	1	10	8	7	15	19	20	62	102	84	329
Midland	1	0	20	3	21	6	41	29	86	35	185	96	523
Midwest Gascoyne	0	0	3	2	10	1	12	5	52	14	106	18	223
Mirrabooka	4	3	11	21	14	17	21	38	75	56	100	78	438
Perth	1	0	3	10	8	15	17	14	31	42	73	65	279
Pilbara	1	0	8	0	1	0	27	2	37	1	103	4	184
Rockingham	0	2	2	2	1	6	5	15	20	43	69	86	251
Southwest	1	16	8	24	11	11	18	22	47	63	92	104	417
West Kimberley	0	0	4	0	14	0	21	0	57	3	130	0	229
Wheatbelt	1	0	5	2	7	0	16	9	35	13	83	29	200
Professional Practice Unit	0	2	0	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	3	1	16
Total	20	36	136	149	161	133	350	258	803	531	1669	943	5189

Children and young people by length of time in care



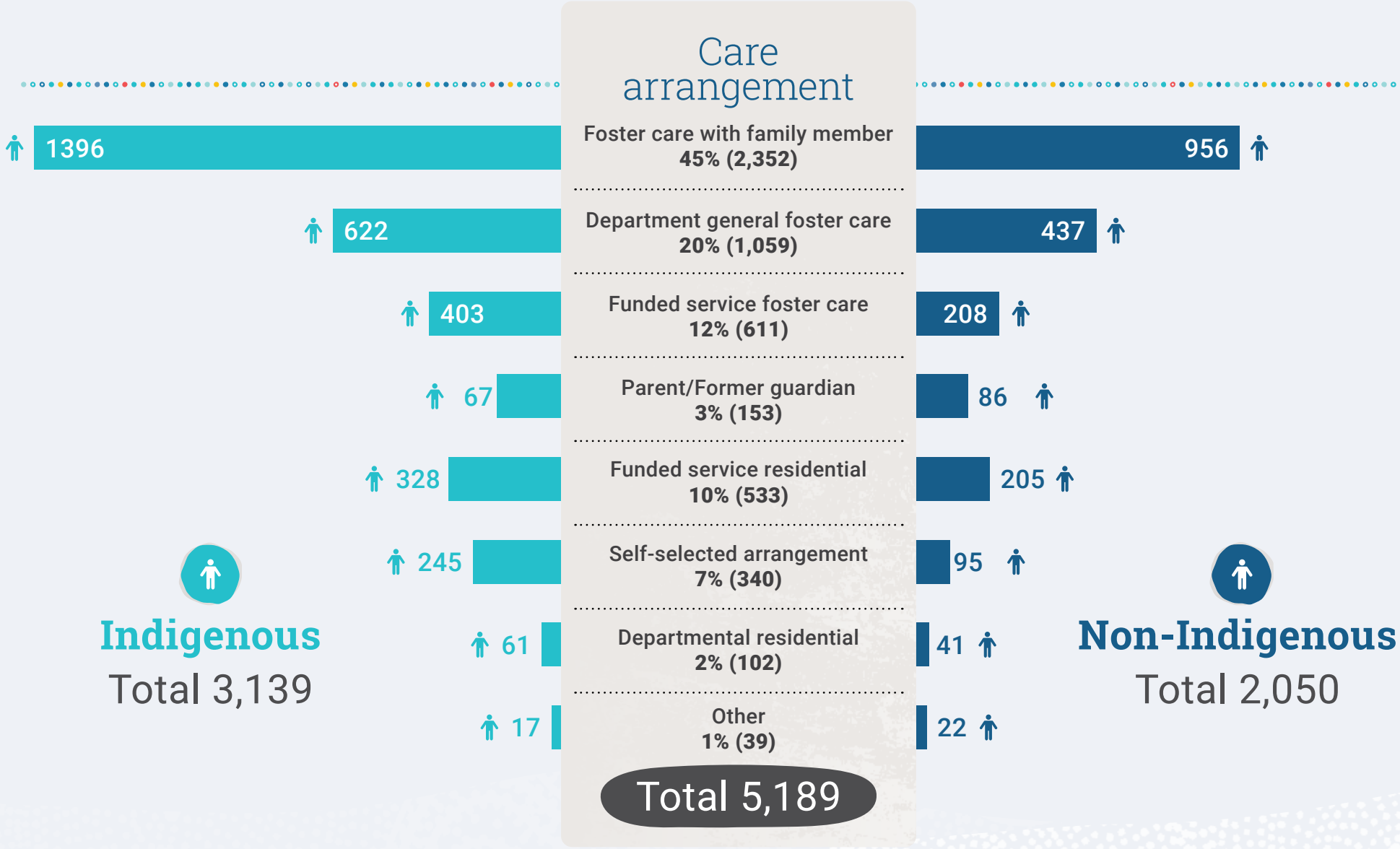
Number of foster carers approved

At 30 June 2026	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
Approved Departmental Foster Carers	43	769	812
Approved Community Organisation Foster Carers	76	499	575
Approved Departmental Family Carers	702	1154	1856
Total	821	2422	3243

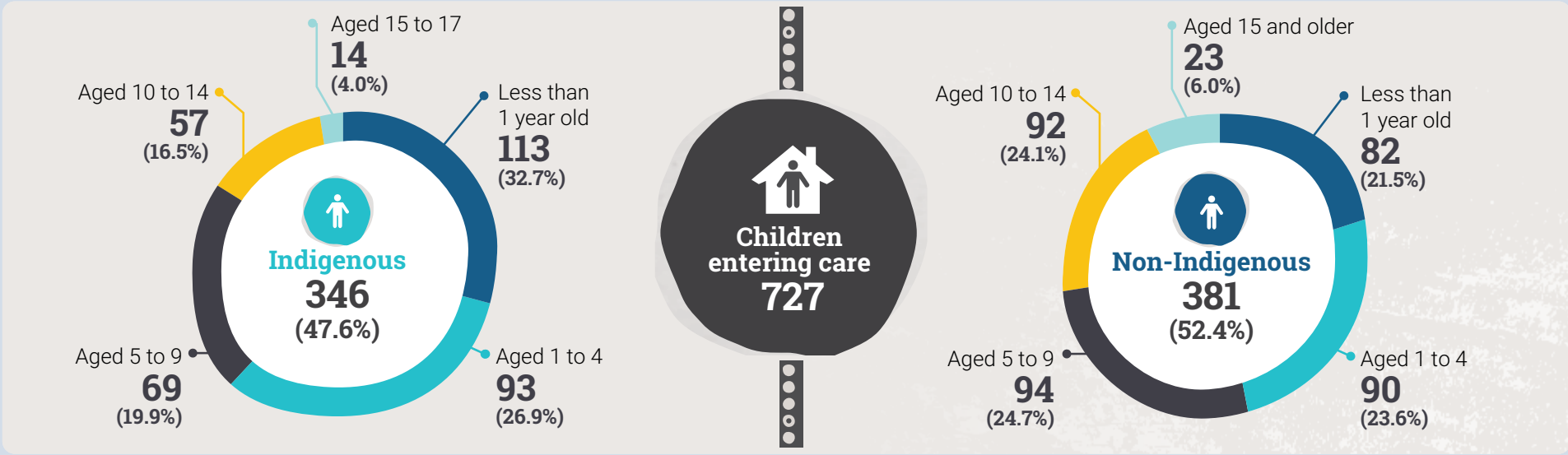
Number of new Departmental foster carer households approved during 2025-26 by district

District	Total
Armadale	4
Bindjareb	3
Cannington	2
East Kimberley	0
Fremantle	4
Goldfields	0
Great Southern	3
Joondalup	5
Midland	5
Midwest Gascoyne	0
Mirrabooka	1
Perth	2
Pilbara	2
Rockingham	4
Southwest	4
West Kimberley	1
Wheatbelt	1
Other	1
Total	42

Children and young people in care at 30 June 2026 by care arrangement

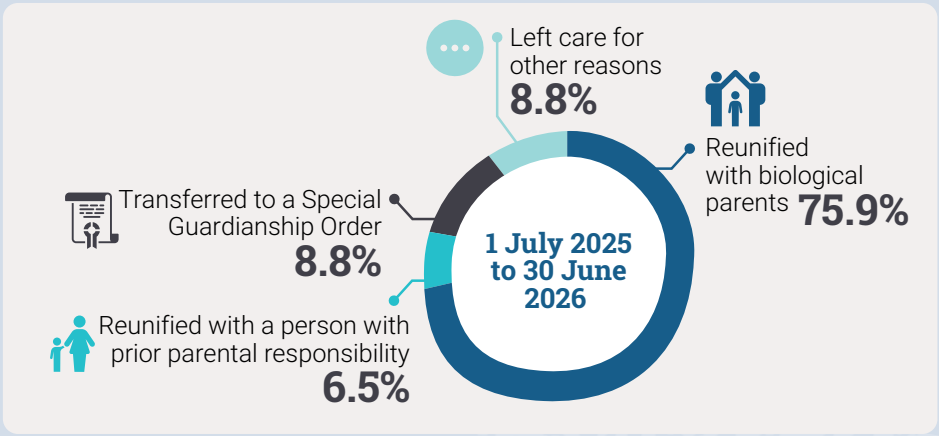


Age of children entering care during the year



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Reasons why children left care*



*Does not include children who left care on turning 18 years of age.

Age of children and young people upon leaving care, by district

District	Less than 1 year		1 to 4 years		5 to 9 years		10 to 14 years		15 to 17 years		18 years or older		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Armadale	0	0	7	3	3	8	2	10	0	1	17	17	68
Bindjareb	1	2	3	15	14	20	2	9	4	10	9	8	97
Cannington	0	0	5	2	4	4	1	2	0	1	10	20	49
East Kimberley	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	12	0	18
Fremantle	1	1	5	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	6	9	32
Goldfields	0	0	2	0	2	4	3	1	2	1	8	2	25
Great Southern	0	0	3	1	3	3	0	4	2	1	6	3	26
Joondalup	1	1	4	18	6	10	1	5	2	3	12	15	78
Midland	0	0	1	3	2	5	6	5	1	5	20	16	64
Midwest Gascoyne	1	2	2	1	7	3	2	0	1	2	15	1	37
Mirrabooka	0	0	3	5	4	9	1	2	2	0	9	12	47
Perth	0	1	1	2	1	8	1	9	1	4	6	12	46
Pilbara	0	0	4	0	4	0	9	0	0	0	7	0	24
Rockingham	0	0	3	2	3	3	5	3	1	2	8	15	45
Southwest	0	0	2	4	1	8	3	4	0	2	18	20	62
West Kimberley	0	0	4	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	7	0	16
Wheatbelt	1	2	6	1	7	5	0	3	0	0	5	6	36
Statewide Referral & Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fostering/ Adoption	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Total	6	12	58	64	65	93	41	60	17	32	175	156	779

Children and young people who left care, by length of time in care, by district

District	Less than 30 days		30 days to less than 6 months		6 months to less than 1 year		1 year to less than 2 years		2 years to less than 5 years		5 years or more		Total
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	
Armadale	3	3	0	1	2	2	1	2	7	18	16	13	68
Bindjareb	3	4	3	9	3	13	3	11	11	6	10	21	97
Cannington	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	1	5	5	9	18	49
East Kimberley	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	10	0	18
Fremantle	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	6	4	7	10	32
Goldfields	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	5	1	9	2	25
Great Southern	1	0	1	4	0	3	0	1	4	2	8	2	26
Joondalup	1	9	0	0	0	2	2	16	10	12	13	13	78
Midland	0	2	0	1	1	0	3	2	7	12	19	17	64
Midwest Gascoyne	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	8	1	19	2	37
Mirrabooka	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	9	10	8	10	47
Perth	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	20	9	12	46
Pilbara	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	18	0	24
Rockingham	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	9	7	13	45
Southwest	0	4	2	0	0	3	0	5	7	7	15	19	62
West Kimberley	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	8	0	16
Wheatbelt	0	4	0	0	1	1	4	0	8	6	6	6	36
Statewide Referral & Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fostering/ Adoption	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Total	24	39	9	22	11	36	22	49	105	113	191	158	779

Where children have experienced more than one period of care in 2025-26 the length of time of the most recent period of care is used.

Adoption orders granted by the Family Court or country of origin, by type of adoption

Type of adoption	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Adult	16	12	16	23
Step-parent	2	3	2	4
Relative	0	0	0	0
Local	5	5	5	4
Inter-country	1	3	1	7
Total	24	23	24	38

Post-adoption information services

This data shows the number of post-adoption information services provided during the financial year.

Services	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Registrations where services were provided*	639	813	829	927
Provision of sensitive information	62	163	215	213
Duty enquiry by registered client	213	200	206	220
Facilitated contact between adoption parties	50	67	107	50
Outreach services	72	93	117	214
Death notifications†	85	174	172	150

*Includes registrations made in previous years as services can be provided over time.

† The Department is legislated to advise parties to an adoption about the death of other parties to the adoption.

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