

Australia's children

There are **4.7 million** children aged 0-14 years in Australia, representing 18.7% of the population.

Did you know?

Every day in Australia there are more than

186

substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect.

AIHW 16/17

*total substantiated reports unavailable for 2017/18

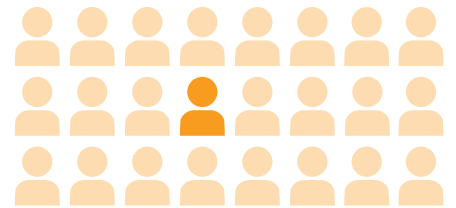
Almost

46,000

Australian children are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect.

AIHW 17/18

1 in 35



Australian children received child protection services in 2017/18, with **72%** being repeat clients.

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Key Issues ▼

ABUSE & NEGLECT

17% of children who were the subject of a substantiated report suffered from neglect.

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MENTAL ILLNESS

Parental mental illness is a major cause of child abuse and neglect. AIHW 2017

HOMELESSNESS

27% of people experiencing homelessness are children under the age of 18 years.

Homelessness Australia 2016

POVERTY

17.4% of all Australian children under 15 years live below the poverty line. (One in six) ACOSS 16

DISABILITY

Disabled children and young people are three times more likely to be abused or neglected. AIHW 2017

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Children who were physically or sexually abused before the age of 15 years were three times as likely to experience domestic violence after the age of 15. AIHW 2018

Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), Child Protection Australia 2017/18
- ACOSS, Poverty in Australia 2016
- AIHW, Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia 2018
- Homelessness Australia 2016
- AIHW Australia's Welfare 2017



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How we help

1

We find **SAFE HOMES** for these children when they cannot live with their parents.

2

We **WORK WITH FAMILIES** to try and keep them together.

3

We have **SPECIALLY TRAINED STAFF** who understand the needs of their clients.

Our services for families

We work together with children, young people and families to break the cycle of disadvantage, creating safe, nurturing and stable homes, connected to family and community.

- Parent education and counselling
- Supported playgroups
- After school care programs and long day care
- Indigenous learning centres
- Tutoring program
- Youth homelessness prevention
- Temporary foster care (short term, crisis and respite care)
- Transitional accommodation
- Family and domestic violence support
- Mental health support
- Drug and alcohol support
- Family support and preservation
- Disability Services
- Kinship care
- Permanent care and open adoption (Find-a-Family program)

In 2017/18 we directly helped

14,049

children, young people and families through all our programs.

7,567

families received support to keep their children safe at home.

Supported

1,387

Barnardos carers.

Delivered **178**

programs and services.

36 children found permanent homes through Find-a-Family adoption program.

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