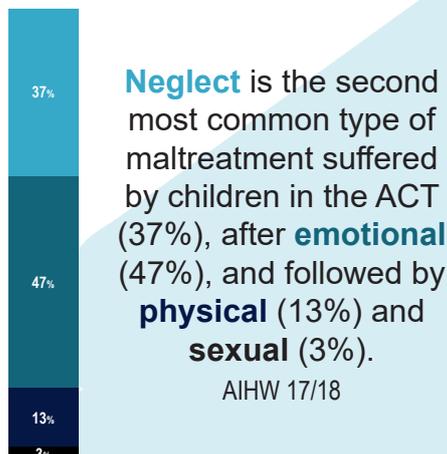


# Children and young people of the ACT

ACT is home to more than **74,500** children and young people aged 0-14. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up **1.6%** of the population. More than **102,000** families live in the ACT with an average of **1.8** children per family. Around **47%** are couple families with children, **38%** are couple families without children and **14%** are one-parent families.



In 2017/18, **904** children were on care and protection orders the ACT.  
AIHW 17/18

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101 in every 1000 Indigenous children are in out of home care in the ACT, **16 times** the rate for non-Indigenous Canberra children.  
AIHW 17/18



Of almost 35,000 people living in poverty in the ACT, **9,000** (7-12%) are aged 0-14 years.  
ACTCOSS 2016



The number of children in foster care in ACT has **more than doubled** since 2003.  
AIHW 17/18



As at 30 June 2018, there were **826** children living in out of home care in the ACT.  
AIHW 17/18



**1600** people are experiencing homelessness in the ACT, 28% are under the age of 18 (or approximately 500).  
Homelessness Australia

#### Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Child Protection 2017/18
- Homelessness Australia 2016
- Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016
- ACTCOSS 2016



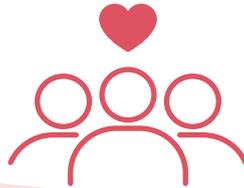
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# Children and young people of NSW

NSW is home to more than **1.4 million** children aged 0-14, two-thirds of whom live in Greater Sydney. NSW is also the state with the highest number of Indigenous children and youth (72,562). More than **1.9 million** families live in NSW with an average of **1.9** children per family. Around **45%** are couple families with children, **36%** are couple families without children and **16%** are one-parent families.



The most common reason for people to experience homelessness in NSW (31% of cases) is to escape **domestic violence** and relationship issues.  
Homelessness Australia 16



Almost **18,000** children in NSW are unable to live with their parents.  
AIHW 2017-18



More people are experiencing homelessness in NSW (37,715) than in any other state. More than **22%** are aged 0-18 years.  
ABS 2016



The number of children in foster care in NSW has **almost doubled** since 2003.  
AIHW 2017-18



Over **52,000** children in NSW received child protection services in 2017-18.  
AIHW 2017-18



**47%** of children in out of home care in NSW have been in care for five years or more.  
AIHW 2017-18



The rate of Aboriginal children in out of home care in NSW is **11 times** the rate for non-Aboriginal children.  
(AIHW 2017/18)



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#### Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Child Protection 2017/18
- Homelessness Australia
- Australian Bureau Statistics 2016



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