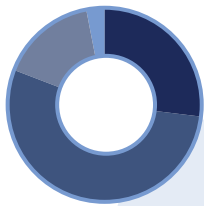


# Issues facing children and young people of the ACT

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.



**Neglect** is the second most common type of maltreatment suffered by children in the ACT (27%), after **emotional** (54%), followed by **physical** (16%) and **sexual** (3%).

AIHW 2018/19



In 2018/19, **2,323** children received child protection services in the ACT.

AIHW 2018/19



The rate of Indigenous children in out of home care in ACT is almost **13 times** the rate for non-Indigenous children.

AIHW 2018/19



Over 37,000 people live in low-income households in the ACT including almost **8,000** children.

ACTCOSS 2019



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

AIHW 2018/19



As at 30 June 2019, there were **696** children living in out-of-home care in the ACT.

AIHW 2018/19



**1,758** people are experiencing homelessness in the ACT. 28% (or approximately 500) are children aged under 18 years.

ABS 2016

"At Barnardos, we believe in safety, permanency and wellbeing for all children and young people."

Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Child Protection 2018/19
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2016
- ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS)

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# Issues facing 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**.

AIHW 2018/19



Over **56,000** children in NSW received child protection services in 2018-19.

AIHW 2018/19



The rate of Indigenous children in out of home care in NSW is almost **10 times** the rate for non-Indigenous children.

AIHW 2018/19



**38%** of children in out of home care in NSW have been in care for five years or more.

AIHW 2018/19



The number of children in foster care in NSW has **almost doubled** since 2003.

AIHW 2018/19



Almost **17,000** children in NSW are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect.

AIHW 2018/19



More people are experiencing homelessness in NSW (28,191) than in any other state. More than **22%** are aged 0-18 years.

ABS 2016

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