

Issues facing families in Australia



Family violence

418,000

women experience domestic violence with children witnessing the violence.

AIHW 2019



Drug abuse

Children whose parents use drugs are **three times** more likely to be physically, sexually and emotionally abused, and **four times** more likely to be neglected.

Australian Government Department of Health 2019



Child safety

45,000 children are unable to live with their parents due to abuse or neglect.

AIHW 2019



Poverty

Over **three million** people in Australia, including three quarters of a million children, are living in poverty. That is **1 in 8** Australians and **1 in 6** Australian children.

ACOSS 2020



Single parent hardship

Single parent families are **three times** more likely to be living in poverty than two parent families.

ACOSS 2020



Disability

1 in 14 (7.4%) children in Australia have some level of disability.

ABS Census 2016



Homelessness

In 2016-17, **72,000** women and **34,000** children were made homeless due to family violence.

AIHW 2018



Unemployment

Around **1 in 9** households with children are jobless families.

ACOSS 2020

Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Child Protection Australia, 2018/19
- Australian Council of Social Services, Poverty in Australia 2020
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Child Protection Australia, Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia 2018
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2016
- Australian Government Department of Health 2019 - cracksintheice.org.au



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How Barnardos Australia helps

Our goal is to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect by providing wrap-around support services to children, young people and their families.

- Domestic and family violence support
- Youth and family homelessness services
- Drug and alcohol services
- Intensive family support
- Aboriginal child and family support
- Parenting, early learning and education
- Foster care, kinship care and open adoption
- Research and advocacy

2019-20 at a glance



13,654

children, young people
and their families
helped by Barnardos.



12,241

Families kept
their children
safe at home



1,413

Children lived
safely in foster
and kinship care



61

Children found
families through
open adoption

Children, young people and their families helped through



5,605

Referrals and
information



6,636

Family
support



1,600

Youth
programs



1,225

Parenting
programs



1,302

Early learning
and education



1,167

Supported
housing

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