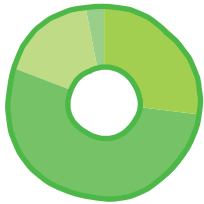


# Issues facing children and young people in the ACT

The ACT is home to more than **95,692** children and young people aged 0-17. 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 (**35%**), after **emotional** (**42%**), followed by **physical** (**18%**) and **sexual** (**1%**).

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Child Protection 2019-20

**Barnardos supports vulnerable children to recover and thrive.**



The rate of Indigenous children in out-of-home care in the ACT is **14 times** the rate for non-Indigenous children.

AIHW 2019-20



**1 in 6** Australian children below the age of 14 live in poverty. The ACT accounts for at least **9,000** of those children.

ACT Council of Social Service 2021 (ACTCOSS)



In 2019-20, **2,245** children received child protection services in the ACT.

AIHW 2019-20



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

AIHW 2019-20



As at 30 June 2020, there were **699** children living in out-of-home care in the ACT.

AIHW 2019-20



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

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2016

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# Issues facing children and young people in NSW

NSW is home to more than **1.8 million** children aged 0-17, two-thirds of whom live in Greater Sydney. NSW is also the State with the highest number of Indigenous children and youth (113,000). 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.



There were **37,715** people in NSW classified as homeless on Census night 2016 (up 37% from 27,479 in 2011). Almost 4,000 (or 11%) were children aged under 12.

Homelessness NSW

We listen, we act, and we advocate for the **safety of children**

at risk of abuse and neglect, providing family support programs and services that empower children to reach their full potential.



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

AIHW 2019-20



**53%** of children in out-of-home care in NSW have been in care for five years or more.

AIHW 2019-20



Over **58,500** children in NSW received child protection services in 2019-20.

AIHW 2019-20



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

AIHW 2019-20



Over **16,000** children in NSW are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect.

AIHW 2019-20



In 2019-20, approximately **18,000** Specialist Homelessness Services clients were escaping domestic and family violence (38% of all clients).

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