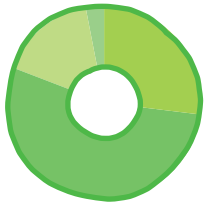


# Issues facing children and young people in the ACT



**Neglect** is the second most common type of maltreatment suffered by children in the ACT (22%), after **emotional** (60%), followed by **physical** (14%) and **sexual** (3%).

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), Child Protection 2021-22

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



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

AIHW Child Protection 2021-22



**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 (ACTCOSS) 2022



In 2021-22, **2,410** children received child protection services in the ACT.

AIHW Child Protection 2021-22



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

AIHW 2021-22



As of 30 June 2022, there were **688** children living in out-of-home care in the ACT.

AIHW Child Protection 2021-22



**Over 2,200** people are experiencing homelessness in the ACT. 1 in 6 were children under the age of 10 (16% or 44,200 clients).

AIHW Homelessness and Homelessness Services 2021

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# Issues facing children and young people in NSW



There were **35,011** people in NSW classified as homeless on Census night 2021, with 4,232 being children under 12 and 2,777 aged 12-18 years; an increase from 2016 of 6.8% and 3.7% respectively.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)  
Census 2021

## 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.



Indigenous children make up nearly **44%** of all children in out-of-home care in NSW which is 11 times the rate of non-indigenous children.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), Child Protection 2021-22



**58%** of children in out-of-home care in NSW have been in care for five years or more.

AIHW Child Protection 2021-22



Over **53,000** children in NSW received child protection services in 2021-22.

AIHW Child Protection 2021-22



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

AIHW Child Protection 2021-22



**15,000** children in NSW are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect.

AIHW Child Protection 2021-22



In 2021-22, **16,079** Specialist Homelessness Services clients were escaping domestic and family violence (24% of all clients).

AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report 2021-22

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