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**Table 1: Child protection summary statistics, Queensland**

	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11
<b>Intake</b>					
<i>Intakes</i>	70,126	71,885	83,070	101,356	112,518
Child concern reports	41,615	46,882	59,662	79,471	90,863
Notifications	28,511	25,003	23,408	21,885	21,655
Children subject to a child concern report	32,477	36,392	44,589	55,080	60,553
Children notified	24,102	22,333	20,959	19,636	19,353
<b>Investigation and assessment</b>					
<i>Admissions to assessment orders</i>	2,253	2,958	3,321	2,455	2,304
Temporary assessment order	716	1,407	1,612	1,223	1,198
Court assessment order (CAO)	1,537	1,551	1,709	1,232	1,106
<i>Substantiations</i>	10,108	8,028	7,315	6,922	6,598
In need of protection	-	4,038	4,397	4,287	4,237
Not in need of protection	-	3,990	2,918	2,635	2,361
Children subject to substantiations	8,845	7,331	6,628	6,218	5,941
<b>Ongoing intervention <sup>(a)</sup></b>					
<i>Total children subject to ongoing intervention</i>	-	8,263	10,647	10,606	10,327
Intervention with parental agreement	1,389	1,490	2,821	2,580	1,956 <sup>(c)</sup>
Child protection orders	6,272	6,942	7,826	8,026	8,371
Children subject to protective orders (Child Protection Order and Court Assessment Order)	6,391	7,040	7,942	8,090	8,456
Children living away from home	6,493	7,134	7,590	7,809	8,063
Percentage of Indigenous children placed with kinship or Indigenous carers	58.5	56.7	58.2	53.8	52.5
Approved carer families <sup>(b)</sup>	3,227	3,705	4,082	4,043	4,125

Source: Department of Communities

**Notes:**

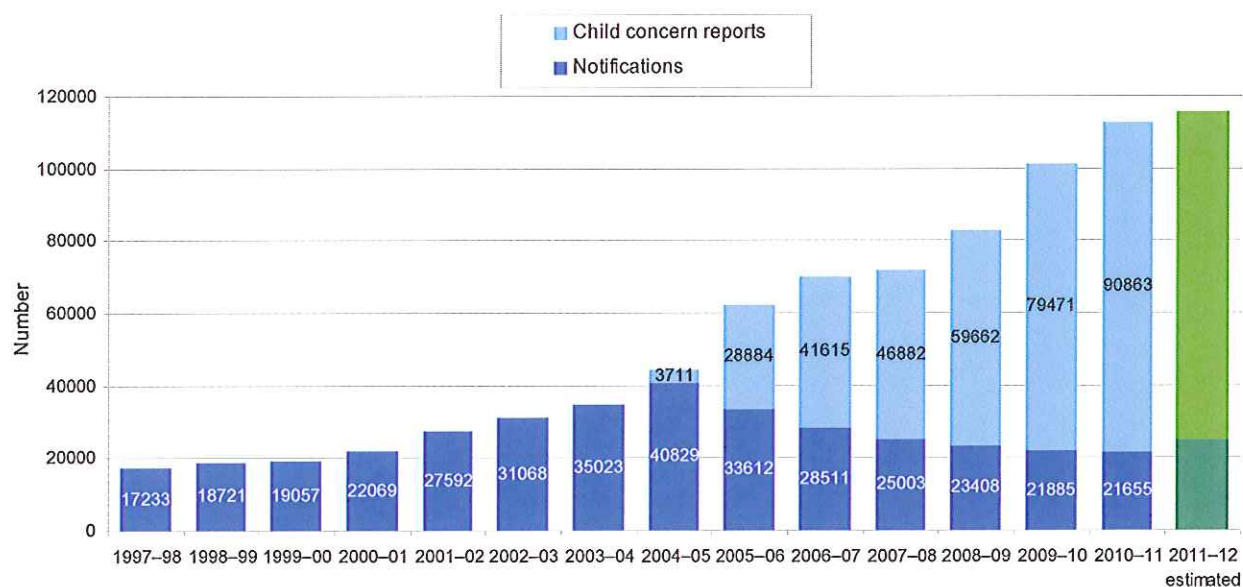
1. The definitions used for each indicator are identified in the relevant tables on the 'Our Performance' site.

(a) Figures are point in time, as at final day of reference period.

(b) Data from 2009–10 can not be compared with previous years as from 31 August 2009, enhancements to the Integrated Client Management System took place, including an audit and cleansing of carer records. This included closing down those records where a carer was no longer caring for a child, or the approval was no longer valid. As a result, carer families data reported for 30 September 2009 and onwards are not comparable to previous years. If the enhancements to ICMS had not occurred, it is estimated the number of carer families would have increased over 30 June 2009 levels by approximately 70 carer families per quarter.

(c) Prior to 2010–11 reporting, an audit and cleansing of intervention with parental agreement records in the Integrated Client Management System (ICMS) took place. This included closing down historical records where a child was no longer subject to intervention with parental agreement. As a result, data reported for 30 June 2011 and onwards is not comparable to previous years.

**Figure 1. – Notifications and child concern reports, Queensland, 1997–98 to 2010–11**

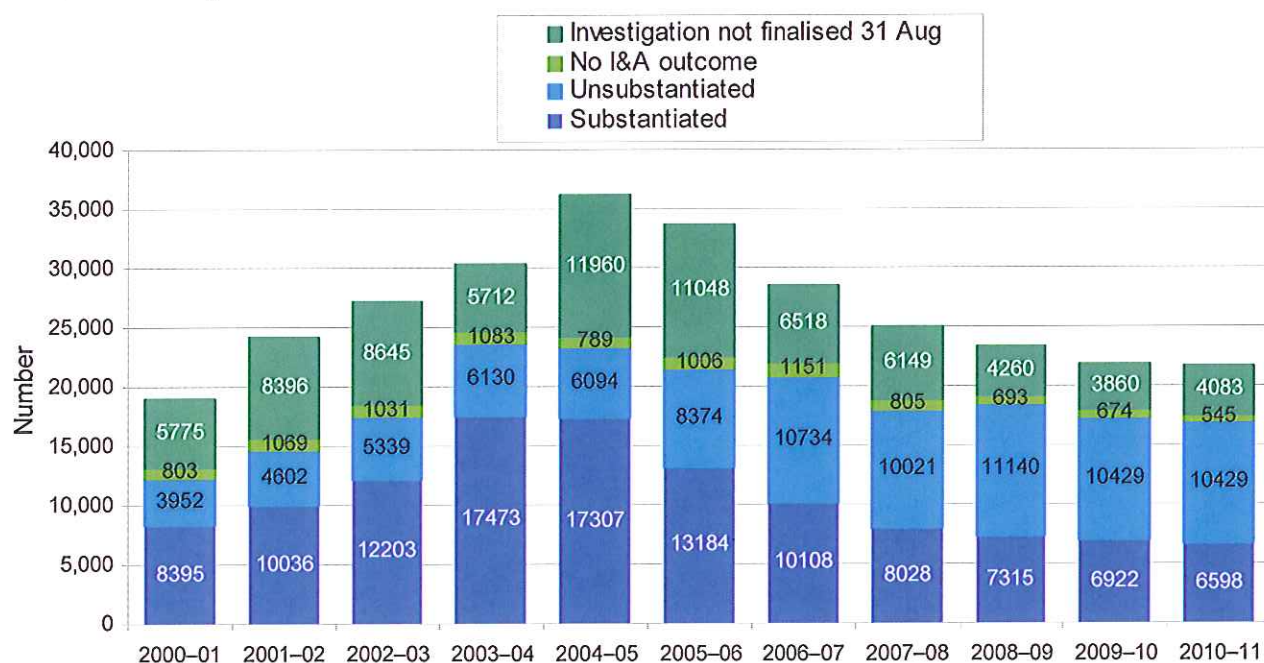


**Source:** Department of Communities, *Our Performance*, AIHW, *Child Protection Australia* (various)

**Note:** If an intake report relates to more than one child, a notification or child concern report is counted for each child. If a child was subject to more than one report during the period, a notification or child concern report is counted for each instance.

2011-12 intake estimated based on published data for 12 months to March 2012.

**Figure 2. Notifications by investigation and assessment outcomes, Queensland, 2006–07 to 2010–11**



**Source:** Department of Communities, *Our Performance*, AIHW, *Child Protection Australia* (various)

**Note:** The notifications data time series has been affected by a combination of legislation, practice and recording changes. Counts include notifications recorded during the period, where an assessment has been finalised and the investigation outcome was recorded within two months of the end of the reference period. No I&A outcome includes investigations that were unable to be commenced or completed due to insufficient information or inability to locate a child or family, and the investigation has therefore been finalised and closed. This may occur in circumstances where a family has moved and actions taken to locate them have been unsuccessful.

**Table 2. – Investigation and Assessment performance measures, Queensland, 2008–09 to 2010–11**

Measures	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11
Investigation and Assessments commenced within the required timeframe	30%	32%	32%
Investigation and Assessments finalised within 60 days	54%	56%	56%
Children subject to a Child Concern Report who experience a subsequent Notification within 12 months	17.2%	15.4%	na

**Source:** CCYPCG, *Queensland Child Guardian Key Outcome Indicators Update: Queensland Child Protection System 2008–11*

The Child Guardian Report covering the period July 2008 to June 2011 highlights that backlogs in meeting benchmarks for Investigations and Assessments have remained over the last eight years, with some improvement in performance in the last three years, but it remains consistently low..

**Table 3. Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status (number and rate per 1000 children), states and territories, 30 June 2011**

State/ territory	Number of children		Rate per 1000 children		Rate ratio* Indigenous/ non- Indigenous
	Indigenous	Non- Indigenous	Indigenous	Non- Indigenous	
NSW	5,737	10,994	80.6	7.0	11.5
Vic	877	4,701	57.3	3.8	14.9
Qld	2,850	4,722	40.2	4.6	8.7
WA	1,448	1,527	46.4	3.0	15.6
SA	630	1,690	49.6	4.9	10.1
Tas	196	754	23.5	6.8	3.4
ACT	119	409	61.4	5.2	11.8
NT	501	132	18.2	3.8	4.8
<b>Australia</b>	<b>12,358</b>	<b>24,929</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>10.1</b>

**Source:** AIHW, *Child Protection Australia 2010–11*

**Notes:** \* The "rate ratio" is the number of times more likely an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child is to be in care compared to non Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children (for example, Indigenous children in Qld are 8.7 times more likely to be in care than other children in the state).

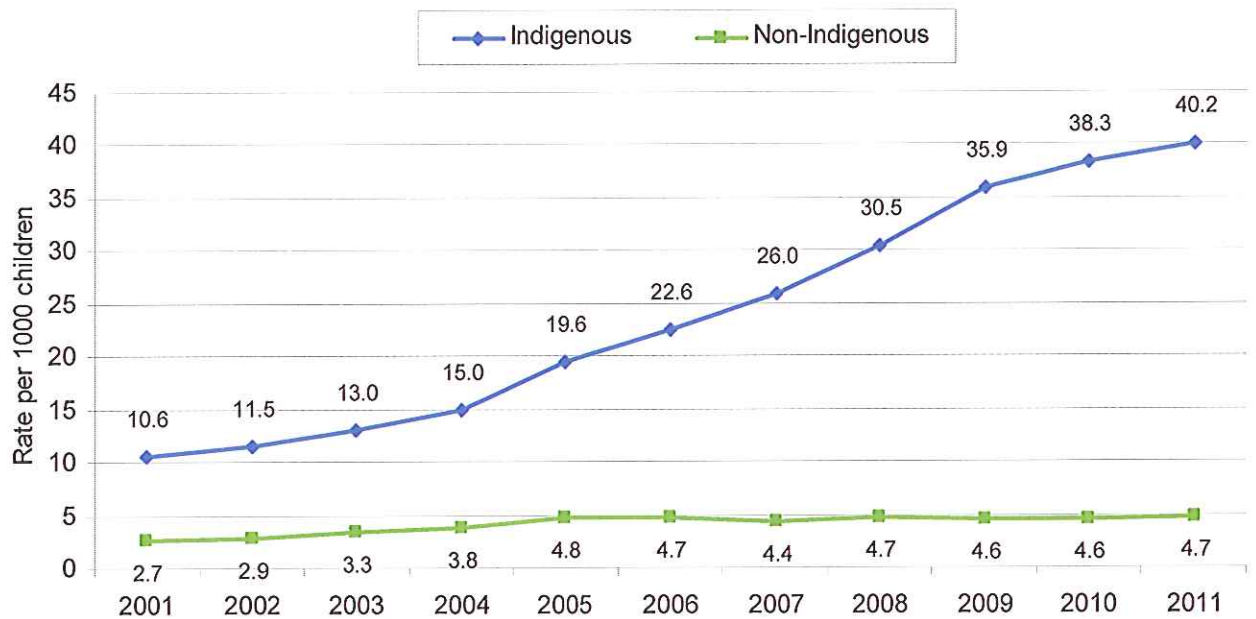
**Table 4. Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, NSW, Victoria, Queensland and WA, 2010–11**

	<i>Unit</i>	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA
<b>Total real expenditure</b>					
Child protection services	\$'000	359 126	173 525	295 246	66 916
Out-of-home care services	\$'000	700 561	321 473	369 457	205 393
<b>Child protection and out-of-home care services</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>1 059 687</b>	<b>494 998</b>	<b>664 703</b>	<b>272 309</b>
Intensive family support services	\$'000	163 716	63 154	30 101	7 154
<b>Child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>1 223 403</b>	<b>558 152</b>	<b>694 804</b>	<b>279 463</b>
<b>Real expenditure per child</b>					
Child protection services	\$	219.2	140.2	270.2	122.9
Out-of-home care services	\$	427.6	259.7	338.2	377.2
<b>Child protection and out-of-home care services</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>646.9</b>	<b>399.8</b>	<b>608.4</b>	<b>500.1</b>
Intensive family support services	\$	99.9	51.0	27.6	13.1
<b>Child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>746.8</b>	<b>450.8</b>	<b>635.9</b>	<b>513.3</b>
<b>Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night</b>					
Placement nights in out-of-home care	<i>no.</i>	6 002 992	2 233 489	2 686 330	1 114 464
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	116.7	143.9	137.5	184.3

**Source:** Productivity Commission, *Report on Government Services 2012*

**Notes:** Information on comparability of government recurrent expenditure indicates that items included are predominantly comparable, with the exception that WA expenditure does not include pay roll tax and sick leave costs.

**Figure 3. Children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status (rate per 1000 children), Queensland, 2001 to 2011**



**Source:** Productivity Commission, *Report on Government Services 2012*

**Notes:** Rates per 1000 are based on estimated resident population aged 0-17 years as at 30 June, with the exception of 2011 which is based on population as at March 2011.  
Non-Indigenous children include non-Indigenous children and children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**Table 5. Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status (number and rate per 1000 children), states and territories, 30 June 2011**

State/territory	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust.
<b>Notifications</b>									
Total (number)	98,845	55,718	21,655	10,976	21,145	10,689	11,712	6,533	237,273
<b>Substantiations</b>									
Total (number)	18,596	7,643	6,598	1,907	2,220	1,225	636	1,641	40,466
<b>Children in notifications</b>									
All children (number)	61,132	41,459	19,353	9,734	13,996	7,487	5,768	4,838	163,767
<b>Children in substantiations</b>									
	Number of children								
Indigenous	3,303	768	1,731	539	452	146	106	1,186	8,231
Non-Indigenous/ unknown	8,233	6,559	4,210	1,331	1,379	986	359	239	23,296
All children	11,536	7,327	5,941	1,870	1,831	1,132	465	1,425	31,527
	Rate per 1000 children								
Indigenous	46.5	50.4	24.6	17.3	35.7	17.5	54.8	43.3	34.6
Non-Indigenous	5.2	5.4	3.9	1.4	3.9	7.0	4.2	6.6	4.5
All children	7.0	5.9	5.4	3.4	5.1	9.5	5.8	22.8	6.1
	Rate ratio*								
Indigenous/ non-Indigenous	8.9	9.4	6.2	12.7	9.2	2.5	13.1	6.6	7.6
<b>Children on care and protection orders, 30 June 2011</b>									
	Number of children								
Indigenous	4,900	1,060	3,181	1,496	658	234	176	575	12,280
Non-Indigenous	10,435	5,665	5,247	1,663	1,904	936	535	146	26,531
All children	15,339	6,735	8,456	3,277	2,620	1,186	723	722	39,058
	Rate per 1000 children								
Indigenous	68.8	69.2	44.8	48.0	51.8	28.0	90.9	20.9	51.4
Non-Indigenous	6.7	4.6	5.1	3.2	5.5	8.5	6.8	4.2	5.4
All children	9.4	5.4	7.7	6.0	7.3	10.0	9.0	11.6	7.6
	Rate ratio*								
Indigenous/ non-Indigenous	10.3	14.9	8.7	14.8	9.4	3.3	13.3	5.0	9.5
<b>Children in out-of-home care, 30 June 2011</b>									
	Number of children								
Indigenous	5,737	877	2,850	1,448	630	196	119	501	12,358
Non-Indigenous	10,994	4,701	4,722	1,527	1,690	754	409	132	24,929
All children	16,740	5,678	7,602	3,120	2,368	966	540	634	37,648
	Rate per 1000 children								
Indigenous	80.6	57.3	40.2	46.4	49.6	23.5	61.4	18.2	51.7
Non-Indigenous	7.0	3.8	4.6	3.0	4.9	6.8	5.2	3.8	5.1
All children	10.2	4.6	7.0	5.7	6.6	8.1	9.7	10.2	7.3
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Indigenous/ non-Indigenous	11.5	14.9	8.7	15.6	10.1	3.4	11.8	4.8	10.1

**Source:** AIHW, *Child Protection Australia 2010–11*

**Notes:** Legislation and practice differs across jurisdictions in relation to substantiations for children aged 17. In some jurisdictions, children aged 17 are not substantiated and this means the number per 1000 children who were the subject of a substantiation may be lower for those jurisdictions.

\* The "rate ratio" is the number of times more likely an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child is to be in care compared to non Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children (for example, Aboriginal children in Qld are 8.7 times more likely to be in care than other children in the state).

**Table 6: Percentage of placements in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle across Australia**

	Number of children			Percentage	
	Preferred placement	Non-preferred placement	Total Placements	Preferred placement	Non-preferred placement
<b>NSW</b>	4,707	1,005	5,712	82.4	17.6
<b>QLD</b>	1,495	1,355	2,850	52.5	47.5
<b>WA</b>	1,029	417	1,446	71.2	28.8
<b>VIC</b>	504	373	877	57.5	42.5
<b>SA</b>	454	153	607	74.8	25.2
<b>NT</b>	166	330	496	33.5	66.5
<b>TAS</b>	84	112	196	42.9	57.1
<b>ACT</b>	76	43	119	63.9	36.1
<b>Australia</b>	8,515	3,788	12,303	69.2	30.8

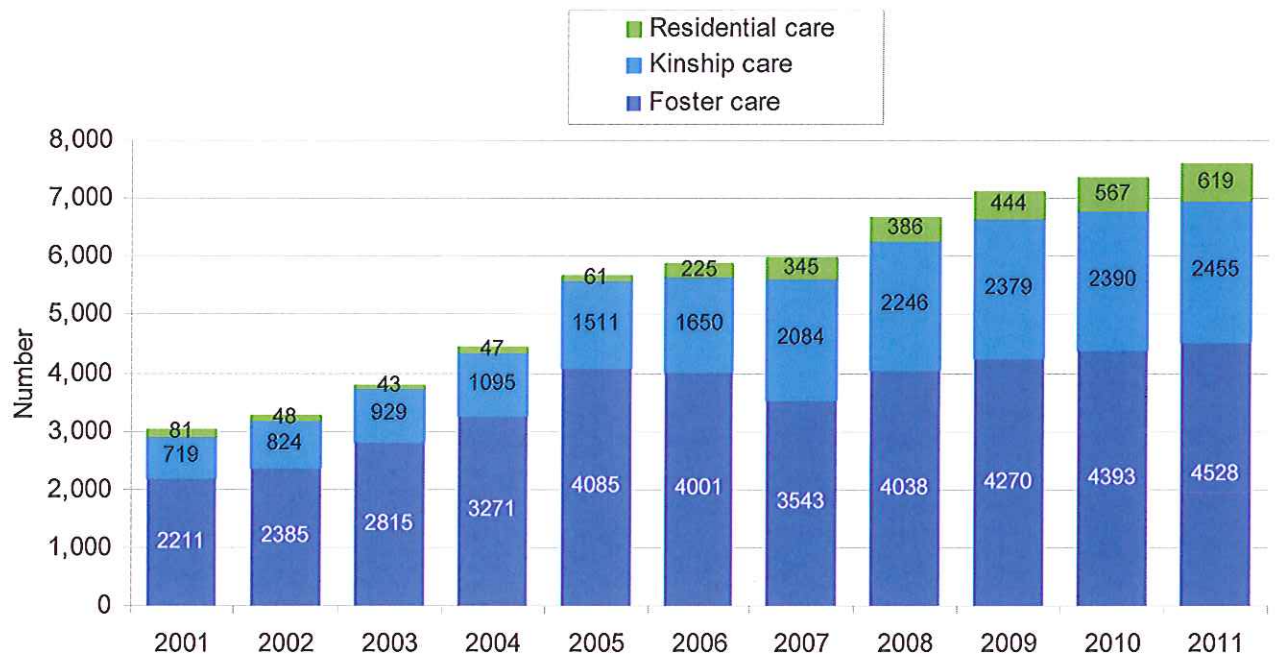
**Table 7. Former Department of Child Safety 30 June 2005 (Report to the Crime and Misconduct Commission January 2006)**

	Percent	Number
Central office	18	330
Brisbane North and Sunshine Coast	18	275
Brisbane South and Gold Coast	14	257
Central	12	220
Far Northern	6	110
Ipswich and Western	9	165
Logan and Brisbane West	13	239
Northern	8	147
State-wide services	5	92
	100	1,835

**Table 8. Former Department of Communities (Child Safety) 2009 Staffing**

	Perm	Temp	Casual	Total
Housing and Homelessness Services	1,104	242	3	1,349
Community and Youth Justice Services	1,578	363	139	2,080
Women's Services	25	5	0	30
Disability Services, Home and Community Care, and Community Mental Health Services	2,471	493	142	3,106
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services	174	38	0	212
Multicultural Services	15	4	0	19
Child Safety Services	2,016	531	6	2,553
Sport and Recreation Services	285	59	25	369
Total	7,668	1,735	315	9,718

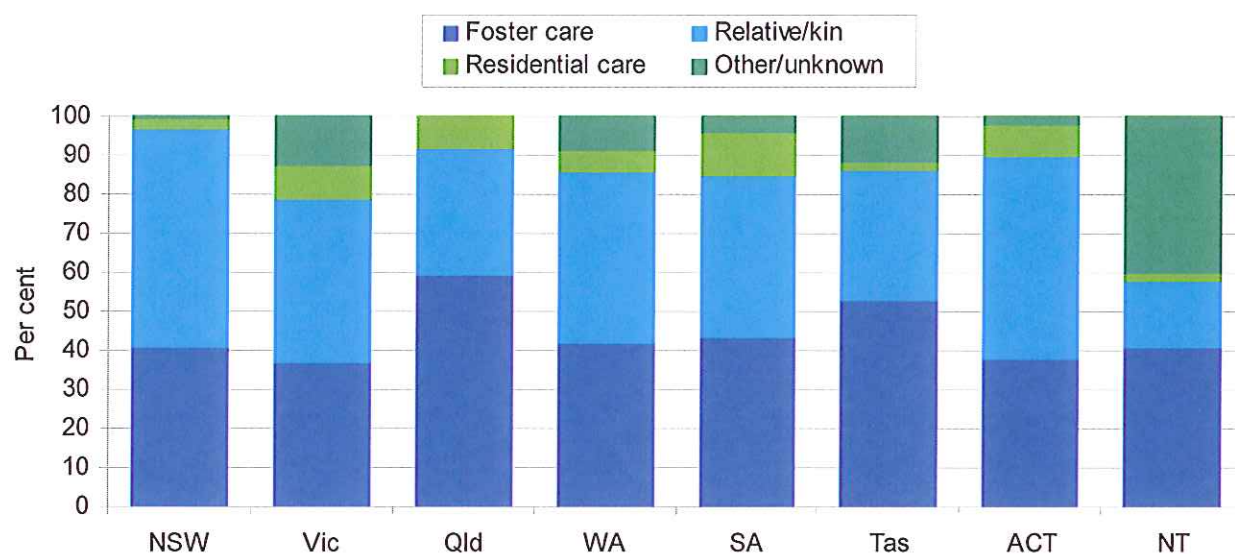
**Figure 4 Children in out-of-home care by placement type at 30 June, Queensland, 1997 to 2011**



**Source:** Department of Communities, *Our Performance*, AIHW, *Child Protection Australia* (various)

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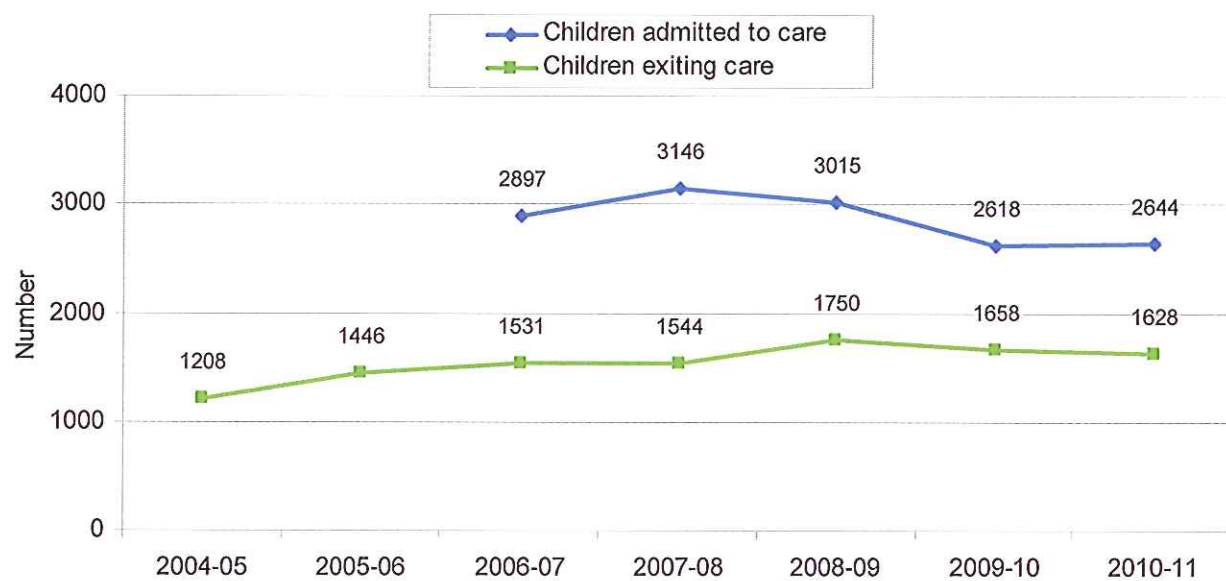
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**Source:** AIHW, *Child Protection Australia 2010–11*

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**Figure 6 Children admitted to, and discharged from, out-of-home care, Queensland, 2004–05 to 2010–11**



**Source:** AIHW, *Child Protection Australia 2010–11*; Productivity Commission, *Report on Government Services 2012*

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