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# **CHILD CARE SURVEY, BASIC AND EXPANDED CONFIDENTIALISED UNIT RECORD FILES**

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# NOTES



## ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
CCS	Child Care Survey
CURF	Confidentialised Unit Record File
ERP	estimated resident population
LFS	Labour Force Survey
RADL	Remote Access Data Laboratory
RSE	relative standard error
SE	standard error

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## INTRODUCTION

This technical paper provides information on the release of microdata from the 1999 Child Care Survey (CCS). The data are available through Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURF) released with the approval of the Australian Statistician. For 1999, two CURFs are available:

- a Basic CURF available on CD-ROM or through the Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL); and
- an Expanded CURF only available through the RADL.

The RADL is an on-line database query system under which microdata are held on a server at the ABS, to which users can submit programs to interrogate, analyse, model, etc, the data, and access the results.

The Basic CURF contains fewer data items and less detail for some items than the Expanded CURF and is for client use in their own computing environment. There are no restrictions on the output that can be produced if the Basic CURF is accessed via CD-ROM. If the Basic CURF is accessed via RADL, the standard RADL restrictions will be applied. The Expanded CURF contains more information than the Basic CURF. The data in the Expanded CURF remains within the ABS computing environment. Clients can access the data remotely, however they are restricted on the output that can be produced. Further information about the RADL is available on the ABS Web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (see Access to ABS CURFs).

Details of the data items on the respective CURFS and the differences between them are provided in the appendices.

Unless otherwise indicated in this paper, the term CURF has been used to apply to both the Basic and Expanded versions of the file.

## ABOUT THE SURVEY

The 1999 CCS is a continuation of a series of surveys on the topic of child care conducted since 1969. To date, surveys have been conducted in 1969, 1973, 1977, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1999 and 2002.

The major aim of the survey is to collect data on the use of, and need for, child care for children aged under 12 years. Information was also collected on the use of the Child Care Rebate (CCR) and the income and working arrangements of parents with children under 12 years.

Child care refers to arrangements (other than parental care) made for the care of children under 12 years of age. The CCS collected information about formal and informal child care. Formal child care refers to regulated care that takes place away from the child's home, for example preschool, a child care centre, family day care and occasional care. Informal care refers to non-regulated care that takes place in the child's home or elsewhere. It includes care by family members, friends, neighbours, paid babysitters and

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nannies. Parents often use a combination of formal and informal child care for their children.

The results from the 1999 CCS are published in *Child Care, Australia, June 1999* (cat. no. 4402.0). Some summary statistics from the publication are available on the ABS website.

The topics included in the 1999 CCS were:

- use of child care
- cost of child care
- need for additional child care
- work and child care

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

The CCS was conducted as a supplement to the ABS Labour Force Survey (LFS).

The LFS is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (houses, flats etc) and non-private dwellings (hospitals, hotels etc.). The LFS is conducted in both rural and urban areas of all states and territories of Australia, and excludes:

- members of the Australian permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from censuses and surveys;
- overseas residents in Australia; and
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia.

The LFS also excludes persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia. The exclusion of these persons will only have a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual States and Territories, with the exception of the Northern Territory where such persons account for about 20% of the population.

Information for the CCS was collected only from usual residents of private dwellings with children under 12 years of age usually resident in the selected dwelling. Visiting children were excluded. Children residing in non-private dwellings such as hospitals, motels, boarding schools and gaols were also excluded from the CCS.

In the LFS, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the one survey is considered to be negligible.

Persons who are away from their usual residence for six weeks or less at the time of interview are enumerated at their usual residence (relevant information may be obtained from other usual residents present at the time of the survey).

The LFS is described more fully in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

DATA COLLECTION  
METHODOLOGY

Information was obtained through personal interviews at selected dwellings over a two-week period between 12 and 24 June 1999. Most data collected on the use of child care related to the week prior to interview.

The full range of child care information was collected for a maximum of two children aged under 12 years in each household. Information was obtained from an adult who permanently resided in the selected household and was either the child's parent, step-parent or guardian.

DATA COLLECTION  
METHODOLOGY  
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In households with more than two children aged under 12, two children were randomly selected and the complete set of child care information was collected for them. A reduced set of information was collected for any 3rd, 4th and 5th children in the households. For the 6th and subsequent children (if any) only age and sex data were collected. This sampling methodology differed from previous surveys where a complete set of child care information was collected for all children resident in a selected household.

WEIGHTING, ESTIMATION  
AND BENCHMARKING  
*Weighting and estimation*

As the survey was conducted on a sample of all households in Australia, it is important to take account of the probability of children being selected in the sample when deriving estimates from the CURF. This is particularly important as a person's chance of selection in the survey varied depending on the State or Territory or, in some cases, area of State or Territory in which they lived.

Weighting is the process of adjusting results from the sample survey to infer results for the total in scope population, in the case of the CCS, children aged under 12 years and families with children aged under 12 years. To do this, a weight is allocated to each sample unit i.e. each child or each family. The weight is the value which indicates how many population units are represented by the sample unit.

The first step in calculating weights for each child or each family is to assign an initial weight which is equal to the inverse of the probability of being selected in the survey. For example, if the probability of a child being selected in the survey was one in 600, then the selected child would have an initial weight of 600 (that is, they represent 600 children in the population).

The initial weights are calibrated to align with independent estimates of the population of interest, referred to as 'benchmarks'. Weights calibrated against population benchmarks ensure that the survey estimates conform to the independently estimated distribution of the population rather than to the distribution within the sample itself.

Information about using weights is included in Chapter 3.

BENCHMARKING

The CCS was benchmarked to the estimated resident population (ERP) living in private dwellings in each State and the Australian Capital Territory, and for the ERP living in non-sparsely settled areas of the Northern Territory at 30 June 1999. The ERP estimates for 1999 were based on results from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. The CCS estimates do not (and are not intended to) match population estimates for the total Australian resident population of children aged under 12 years which also includes estimates of persons and households living in non private dwellings, such as hotels and boarding houses.

SAMPLING ERROR

Since the estimates for the CCS are based on information obtained from a sample of persons, they are subject to sampling and non sampling error.

Sampling error is the difference between an estimate and the value that would have been produced if all persons had been included in the survey.

## SAMPLING ERROR

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One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of persons were included. There are about two chances in three that the sample estimates will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all persons had been surveyed, and about 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than two SEs.

Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE) which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

$$RSE = \left( \frac{SE}{estimate} \right) \times 100$$

Generally, only estimates (numbers, percentages, means and medians) with relative standard errors (RSEs) less than 25% are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes.

To assist users to ascertain the approximate levels of reliability of estimates, the tables of SEs and RSEs for child estimates obtained from the CCS are provided in Appendix 4. The values given in the table do not give a precise measure of the SE and RSE for a particular estimate, but will provide an indication of their magnitude.

For SEs and RSEs for family estimates please contact the ABS Family and Community Statistics Section on (02) 6252 5742.

Additional information about the calculation of standard errors is provided in the Technical Notes of the *Child Care, Australia, June 1999* (cat. no. 4402.0).

Non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient processing procedures.

## ABOUT THE DATA

The number of confidentialised respondent records available for analysis from the 1999 CCS is 9,831. These records relate to children aged under 12 years. Subject to the limitations of the sample size and the data classifications used, it is possible to manipulate the data, produce tabulations and undertake statistical analyses to individual specifications.

The CCS data are released under the Census and Statistics Act 1905 which has provision for the release of data in the form of unit records where the information is not likely to enable the identification of a particular person or organisation. Accordingly, there are no names and addresses of survey respondents on the CURF.

The CURFs contain a selected number of data items from the 1999 CCS. Examples of data items not included on the CURF are use of child care by other children in the household (additional to those selected in the survey) and total cost of care for all children in the household. Intending purchasers should ensure that the data they require, at the level of detail they require, are available on the CURF. Data obtained in the survey but not contained in the CURF may be available as statistics in tabulated form on request. The full list of survey data items included on the 1999 CCS Basic CURF is provided in Appendix 1, the full list of items for the Expanded CURF is provided in Appendix 2, and the differences in the two can be seen in Appendix 3.

Steps to confidentialise datasets made available on the CURFs are taken in such a way as to ensure the integrity of the dataset and optimise its content, while maintaining confidentiality of respondents. The steps taken to preserve confidentiality may include:

- reducing the level of detail for some items (e.g. geography and demographics);
- ranging or collapsing the values of some variables; and
- modifying of some records identified as high-risk.

As a result of these changes, it may not always be possible to reconcile the data produced from the CURF with published data.

## SPECIAL CODES

For income and cost data items (containing dollar values), certain values are reserved as special codes and must not be added as if they were quantitative values. The values of these codes are as follows:

## Income

- 999,997 = nil
- 999,998 = don't know
- 999,999 = not stated

## Cost

- 997 = nil
- 998 = don't know / not stated



## FILE CONTENTS

*Basic CURF*

The 1999 CCS Basic CURF is available on CD-ROM or through the RADL. The 1999 CCS Basic CURF on CD-ROM can be accessed in SAS, SPSS or STATA. The Basic CURF on RADL can only be accessed in SAS and SPSS at this time. Additional software may be introduced in the future.

The 1999 CCS Basic CURF contains the files listed below.

*Information files*

*CC99.TXT*- contains documentation on the CC99.DAT raw data including data item labels, field start positions and lengths, code values and category labels. To assist clients with data analysis it also contains weighted and unweighted frequencies of each code value. The file is in plain text format.

*CC99.FMT* - This file contains the documentation for the CC99.DAT raw data including data item labels, field start positions and lengths, code values and category labels. To assist clients with data analysis it also contains weighted and unweighted frequencies of each code value. The file is in plain text format to facilitate reading or printing using most word processors.

*FMTSRUC.TXT* - This file describes the structure of CC99.FMT

*CCS99CURFTECHPAPER.PDF* - is an Acrobat file that contains this Technical Paper.

*RESPONSIBLE ACCESS TO CURFs.PDF* - is an Acrobat file that explains CURF users roles and obligations when using confidentialised data.

*CC99PUB.PDF* - This Acrobat file contains the publication for the *Child Care, Australia, June 1999* (cat. no. 4402.0).

*README.TXT* - This file contains a description of all the files relevant to the Basic 1999 Child Care CURF.

*Main files*

*FORMATS.SC2* is a SAS library containing formats.

*CC99.DAT* - this file contains the raw confidentialised survey data in hierarchical column delimited ASCII text format.

*CC99.SD2* - contains the child level data for the Basic CURF in SAS for Windows format.

*CC99.SAV* - contains the child level data for the Basic CURF in SPSS format.

*CC99.DTA* - contains the child level data for the Basic CURF in STATA format.

*CC99.SAS* - this file contains the SAS input program generated using CURFSAS.SAS which was used to read the data in CC99.DAT into the SAS data set CC99.SD2.

*CC99.SPS* - this file contains the SPSS input program generated using the CURFSPSS.SAS which was used to read the data in CC99.DAT into the SPSS data set CC99.SAV.

*CURFSAS.SAS* - this file contains the SAS program which was used to reformat the metadata in CC99.FMT into the SAS input program in CC99.SAS.

*CURFSPSS.SAS* - this file contains the SAS program which was used to reformat the metadata in CC99.FMT into the SPSS input program in CC99.

*Expanded CURF*

The 1999 CCS Expanded CURF contains the files listed below.

*Information files*

*CC99.TXT* - contains documentation on the CC99.DAT raw data including data item labels, field start positions and lengths, code values and category labels. To assist clients with data analysis it also contains weighted and unweighted frequencies of each code value. The file is in plain text format.

*CCS99CURFTECHPAPER.PDF* - is an Acrobat file that contains this Technical Paper.

*RESPONSIBLE ACCESS TO CURFs.PDF* - is an Acrobat file that explains CURF users' roles and obligations when using confidentialised data.

*CC99PUB.PDF* - This acrobat file contains the publication *Child Care, Australia, June 1999* (cat. no. 4402.0)

*README.TXT* - This file contains a description of all the files relevant to the Expanded 1999 Child Care CURF.

*Test files*

The test files mirror the actual data files, but have random data and random identifiers. These files are located on the RADL and users can use these to troubleshoot their code prior to submitting RADL jobs.

*FORMATS.SC2* - is a SAS library containing formats for the test files.

*CC99.SD2* - contains the test file for child level data for the Expanded CURF in SAS for Windows format.

*CC99.SAV* - contains the test file for child level data for the Expanded CURF in SPSS format.

*CC99.DTA* - contains the test file for child level data for the Expanded CURF in STAT A format.

*Main files*

*FORMATS.SC2* - is a SAS library containing formats.

*CC99.SD2* - contains the child level data for the Expanded CURF in SAS for Windows format.

*CC99.SAV* - contains the child level data for the Expanded CURF in SPSS format.

*CC99.DTA* - contains the child level data for the Expanded CURF in STATA format.

## RECORD TYPES

The CURF contains 9,831 records one for each child aged under 12 years in the sample for whom the full set of data items (ie a maximum of 2 children per family) was collected. These records can be weighted to produce estimates of children aged under 12 years. Each record contains the data items listed in the appendices. Each record also contains a unique ABS identifier (ABSHID). Users of the CURF should be aware of how this identifier should be used. Further information is provided in the CURF user guide on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (see Access to ABS CURFs).

## USE OF WEIGHTS

There are two fields on each record on the CURF containing 'weights', a child weight and a family weight. The child weight reflects a child's probability of selection in the sample and the estimation procedure used. The family weight reflects the probability of selection in the sample of the child's family, and the estimation procedure. The weights

## USE OF WEIGHTS

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indicate how many population units are represented by the sample unit. See discussion in Chapter 2.

The application of weights will ensure that the subsequent estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

Where estimates are derived from the CURF, it is essential that they are calculated by using the weights associated with each record in a particular category and not just by counting the number of records in a particular category. If each child or family's 'weight' were to be ignored, then no account would be taken of the fact that a child or family's chance of being selected in the survey varied from region to region, and the resulting estimates may therefore be biased. All weights on the CURF need to be divided by 10,000 before use as the weights are stored as multiples of 10,000 to give greater accuracy.

The counting unit generally used for the CCS is children. Survey estimates of children are obtained by summing the weights of children with the characteristic of interest.

Estimates for means, such as mean age of children may be obtained by multiplying the weight for each child record by the attribute for each child (eg. their age), aggregating the results for all children then dividing by the sum of the weights for all children.

Estimates of families with children aged under 12 years may also be produced from the CURF, using family weights. Some data items on the CURF relating to geography, family type, the employment characteristics of parents and whether the parents use working arrangements to help care for their children are particularly useful when used in conjunction with estimates of families, rather than estimates of children.

Note 1: on the CURF, each child record has a family weight. Two children who belong to the same family will have exactly the same family weight. To produce family estimates, only one child record per family must be selected, otherwise doublecounting will occur. Children from the same family will have exactly the same ABSHID, so to select one child per family, only records with the first ABSHID should be selected.

Note 2: Some information about families may also be derived from the child records included on the file but this information is limited. For example, it would be possible to obtain an estimate of all families where there is only one child and then cross-classify these families by types of child care used. However, information about families is incomplete for those with more than two children. For such families, information about additional children in the family and the characteristics of their child care usage is not included on the CURF. Therefore it is not possible to derive from the CURF information such as the total number of children in the family, the total number in the family using child care, or the total cost of child care to the family.

## CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

The 1999 Basic and Expanded CCS CURFs are released in accordance with a Ministerial Determination (Clause 7, Statutory Rules 1983, No.19) in pursuance of section 13 of the Census and Statistics ACT 1905. As required by the Determination, the CURFs have been designed so that the information on the file is not likely to enable the identification of the particular person or organisation to which the data relates.

All organisations and individuals within organisations who request access to a CURF will, prior to being granted access to the CURF, be required to sign an Undertaking to abide by the legislative restrictions on use. The Australian Statistician's approval is required for each release of the CURF. Persons who purchase or access the CCS CURF are required to give an undertaking which includes, among other conditions, that in using the data they will:

- use the information only for the statistical purposes specified in the Schedule to the Undertaking.
- not attempt to identify particular persons or organisations.
- not disclose, either directly or indirectly, the information to any other person or organisation other than members of this organisation who have been approved by the ABS to have individual access to the information.
- not attempt to match, with or without using identifiers, the information with any other list of persons or organisations.
- comply with any other direction or requirement specified in the ABS Responsible Access to ABS CURFs Training Manual.
- not attempt to access the information after the term of their authorisation expires, or after their authorisation is rescinded by the organisation which provided it, or after they cease to be a member of that organisation.

Use of the data for statistical purposes means use by persons who have signed the Undertaking to produce information of a statistical nature. Examples of statistical purposes are:

- manipulation of the data to produce means, correlations or other descriptive or summary measures.
- estimation of population characteristics.
- use of data as input to mathematical models or for other types of analysis (e.g factor analysis).
- providing graphical or pictorial representations of the characteristics of the population or subsets of the population.

All CURF users are required to read and abide by the 'Responsible Access to ABS Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFs) Training Manual' available on the ABS Web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (see Access to ABS CURFs). Use of the data for unauthorised purposes may render the purchaser liable to severe penalties. Advice on

<p>CONDITIONS OF RELEASE <i>continued</i></p>	<p>the propriety of any particular intended use of the data is available from &lt;intermediary.management@abs.gov.au&gt; or telephone (02) 6252 5731.</p>
<p>CONDITIONS OF SALE</p>	<p>All ABS products and services are provided under conditions of sale. Any queries relating to these Conditions of Sale should be referred to &lt;intermediary.management@abs.gov.au&gt;.</p>
<p>PRICE</p>	<p>The price of either the Basic or Expanded CCS CURF, as at November 2004, is \$8,000.00, including freight and handling charges as appropriate. An administrative fee of \$420 applies to change from either method of access to the other.</p> <p>While utmost care is taken in handling each CURF on CD-ROM, deterioration may occur between the time of copying and receipt of the file. Accordingly, if the CD-ROM is unreadable on receipt and this is reported to ABS within 30 days of receipt, it will be replaced free of charge.</p>
<p>HOW TO ORDER</p>	<p>All clients wishing to access the 1999 CCS CURFs should refer to the ABS Website, &lt;<a href="http://www.abs.gov.au">http://www.abs.gov.au</a>&gt; (see Access to ABS CURFs) and read the Responsible Access to ABS Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFs) Training Manual, and other relevant information, before downloading the Application and Undertaking to apply for access.</p>
<p><i>Australian universities</i></p>	<p>University clients should refer to the ABS web site &lt;<a href="http://www.abs.gov.au">http://www.abs.gov.au</a>&gt; (under 'Services to Universities'). The CCS CURF can be accessed by universities participating in the ABS/AVCC CURF agreement for research and teaching purposes.</p>
<p><i>Other clients</i></p>	<p>Other prospective clients should contact the CURF Management Unit of the ABS at <a href="mailto:intermediary.management@abs.gov.au">intermediary.management@abs.gov.au</a>.</p>

**LIST OF DATA ITEMS, CATEGORIES AND FIELD  
NAMES FOR 1999 BASIC CURF .....**

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF  
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<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
1 State/Territory	NSW Vic Qld SA WA TAS NT ACT	STARESI
2 Area of usual residence	State capital cities Balance of Australia	AREAUR
3 Family type	Couple family One parent family	FAMTYPE
4 Age of mother	No mother 15-24 years 25-34 years 35-49 years 50 years and over	MUMAGE
5 Age of father	No father 15-24 years 25-34 years 35-49 years 50 years and over	DADAGE
6 Whether mother employed	No mother Employed working full-time Employed working part-time Unemployed looking for full-time work Unemployed looking for part-time work Not in labour force	EMPSTMUM
7 Whether father employed	No father Employed working full-time Employed working part-time Unemployed looking for full-time work Unemployed looking for part-time work Not in labour force	EMPSTDAD

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CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
8 Occupation of mother(a)	Not applicable Managers and administrators Professionals Associate professionals Tradespersons and related workers Advanced clerical and service workers Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers Intermediate production and transport workers Elementary clerical, sales and service workers Labourers and related workers	MUMOCC
9 Occupation of father(a)	Not applicable Managers and administrators Professionals Associate professionals Tradespersons and related workers Advanced clerical and service workers Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers Intermediate production and transport workers Elementary clerical, sales and service workers Labourers and related workers	DADOCC
10 Weekly hours worked by mother	Not employed Less than 16 16-24 25-34 35-39 40 or more	MUMHRSWK
11 Weekly hours worked by father	Not employed Less than 16 16-24 25-34 35-39 40 or more	DADHRSWK
12 All sources of income of mother - Wage and salary	Not applicable Wages or salary	ISRCMUMA
13 All sources of income of mother - Profit or loss from business or rental property	Not applicable Profit or loss from business or rental property	ISRCMUMB
14 All sources of income of mother - The government family payment	Not applicable The government family payment	ISRCMUMC

(a) Refers to occupation of last job for unemployed persons who had worked for 2 weeks or more in the last 2 years

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
15 All sources of income of mother - Any other government pension or allowance	Not applicable Any other government pension or allowance	ISRCMUMD
16 All sources of income of mother - Any other regular source	Not applicable Any other regular source	ISRCMUME
17 All sources of income of mother - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	ISRCMUMF
18 All sources of income of father - Wages or salary	Not applicable Wages or salary	ISRCDADA
19 All sources of income of father - Profit or loss from business or rental property	Not applicable Profit or loss from business or rental property	ISRCDADB
20 All sources of income of father - The government family payment	Not applicable The government family payment	ISRCDADC
21 All sources of income of father - Any other government pension benefit or allowance	Not applicable Any other government pension or allowance	ISRCDADD
22 All sources of income of father - Any other regular source	Not applicable Any other regular source	ISRCADE
23 All sources of income of father - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	ISRCDADF



CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
24 Principal source of income of mother	Not stated Wages or salary (including from own incorporated business) Profit and loss from own incorporated business or share in a partnership Profit loss from a rental property Dividends or interest Any government pension or allowance Child support or maintenance Superannuation or annuity Workers compensation/other source No income Not applicable	INCMAINM
25 Principal source of income of father	Not stated Wages or salary (including from own incorporated business) Profit and loss from own incorporated business or share in a partnership Profit loss from a rental property Dividends or interest Any government pension or allowance Child support or maintenance Superannuation or annuity Workers compensation/other source No income Not applicable	INCMAINF
26 Weekly income of mother	Under \$120 \$120 – \$159 \$160 – \$199 \$200 – \$249 \$250 – \$299 \$300 – \$399 \$400 – \$499 \$500 – \$599 \$600 – \$699 \$700 – \$799 \$800 – \$999 \$1000 and over Lone father family Do not know/not stated	MUMINC

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
27 Weekly income of father	Under \$120	DADINC
	\$120 – \$159	
	\$160 – \$199	
	\$200 – \$249	
	\$250 – \$299	
	\$300 – \$399	
	\$400 – \$499	
	\$500 – \$599	
	\$600 – \$699	
	\$700 – \$799	
	\$800 – \$999	
	\$1000 – \$1499	
	\$1500 – \$1999	
	\$2000 and over	
Lone mother family		
Did not know/not stated		
28 Weekly income of parents	Under \$120	FAMINC
	\$120 – \$159	
	\$160 – \$199	
	\$200 – \$249	
	\$250 – \$299	
	\$300 – \$399	
	\$400 – \$499	
	\$500 – \$599	
	\$600 – \$699	
	\$700 – \$799	
	\$800 – \$999	
	\$1000 and over	
	Do not know/not stated	
	29 Sex of child	
Females		
30 Age of child (years)	Under 1 year	AGE
	1 year	
	2 years	
	3 years	
	4 years	
	5 years	
	6 years	
	7 years	
	8 years	
	9 years	
	10 years	
31 Language mainly spoken at home by child	English	MAINLANG
	Other language	

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
32 Whether child attended school	Less than 4 years old Attending school Not attending school	SCHATTN
33 Main reason used formal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Personal Child-related Other	FORMRSN
34 Main reason used informal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Personal Child-related Other	INFRSN
35 Use of formal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Increased Decreased Stayed the same	FCCCHNGD
36 Use of informal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Increased Decreased Stayed the same	INFCHNGD

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
37	Main reason use of formal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Work reasons Study/training To spend more time with/without child Availability of alternative care Cost Other parent related reason Good for child Preparation for school Started school Child only born in the last year Other child related reason Other	FCCRSCHG
38	Main reason informal child care use changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Work reasons Study/training Spend more time with/without child Availability of alternative care Cost Other parent related reason Good for child Preparation for school Started school Child only born in the last year Other child related reason Other	INFRSCHG
39	Whether child attended vacation care program in last 12 months	Not applicable Attended vacation care program Did not attend vacation care program	HDAYPROG
40	Whether additional formal care required and whether available	Required and available Required but not available Required, not known whether available Not required	FCREQAVL

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
41 Main reason (additional) formal care not used (incl reasons why not required)	Not known whether care available Child too young/old Transport/distance Cost/too expensive Prefer to look after child Prefer other type of care Parents unhappy with service/carers Time/days available not suitable/not flexible enough/not available at short notice None exists in area/do not know of any in area Booked out/no places Child's preference Child has special needs (illness/disability)/Had not yet applied/Made other arrangements/other reason No reason	WHYNOTFC
42 Main type of (additional) formal care required	No additional formal care required Before and/or after school care Long day care centre Family day care Occasional care centre Preschool Other formal care	TYPEREQ
43 Main reason (additional) formal care required	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Personal Child-related Other	RESNREQ
44 Number of days (additional) formal care required	No additional formal care required 1-4 days 5-8 days 9-12 days 13-16 days 17-20 days 21-28 days Do not know	ALLDAYS

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<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
45 Weekly cost of care - Before and/or after school care	No cost \$1 – \$4 \$5 – \$9 \$10 – \$14 \$15 – \$19 \$20 – \$24 \$25 or more Not stated Not used	COSTF1
46 Weekly cost of care - Long day care	No cost \$1 – \$9 \$10 – \$19 \$20 – \$29 \$30 – \$39 \$40 – \$49 \$50 – \$59 \$60 – \$69 \$70 – \$89 \$90 – \$109 \$110 – \$139 \$140 or more Not stated Not used	COSTF2
47 Weekly cost of care - Family day care	No cost \$1 – \$9 \$10 – \$19 \$20 – \$29 \$30 – \$49 \$50 or more Not stated Not used	COSTF3
48 Weekly cost of care - Occasional care	No cost \$1 – \$9 \$10 – \$19 \$20 – \$29 \$30 or more Not stated Not used	COSTF4

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
49 Weekly cost of care - Preschool	No cost \$1 – \$9 \$10 – \$19 \$20 – \$29 \$30 – \$49 \$50 or more Not stated Not used	COSTF5
50 Weekly cost of care - Other formal care	No cost \$1 – \$9 \$10 or more Not stated Not used	COSTF6
51 Weekly cost of care - Grandparents	No cost \$1 – \$49 \$50 or more Not stated Not used	COSTI1
52 Weekly cost of care - Brother/sister/step care	No cost \$1 – \$49 \$50 or more Not stated Not used	COSTI2
53 Weekly cost of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	No cost Not used	COSTI3
54 Weekly cost of care -Other relative care	No cost \$1 – \$79 \$80 or more Not stated Not used	COSTI4

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
55 Weekly cost of care - Other people care	No cost \$1 – \$9 \$10 – \$19 \$20 – \$39 \$40 – \$69 \$70 or more Not stated Not used	COSTI5
56 Weekly hours of care - Before and/or after school care	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours Greater than 10 hours	WHRSF1
57 Weekly hours of care - Long day care	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours 11 – 15 hours 16 – 20 hours 21 – 25 hours 26 – 30 hours 31 – 35 hours 36 – 40 hours Greater than 40 hours	WHRSF2
58 Weekly hours of care - Family day care	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours 11 – 15 hours 16 – 20 hours Greater than 20 hours	WHRSF3
59 Weekly hours of care - Occasional care	Not used 1 – 5 hours Greater than 5 hours	WHRSF4
60 Weekly hours of care - Preschool	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours 11 – 15 hours Greater than 15 hours	WHRSF5



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<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
61 Weekly hours of care - Other formal care	Not used 1 – 5 hours Greater than 5 hours	WHRSF6
62 Weekly hours of care - Grandparents	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours 11 – 15 hours 16 – 20 hours 21 – 25 hours 26 – 30 hours Greater than 30 hours	WHRSI1
63 Weekly hours of care - Brother/sister/step care	Not used 1 – 5 hours Greater than 5 hours	WHRSI2
64 Weekly hours of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours Greater than 10 hours	WHRSI3
65 Weekly hours of care - Other relative care	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours 11 – 15 hours Greater than 15 hours	WHRSI4
66 Weekly hours of care - Non-relative care	Not used 1 – 5 hours 6 – 10 hours 11 – 15 hours 16 – 20 hours Greater than 20 hours	WHRSI5
67 Whether received assistance from the childcare assistance scheme	Not applicable Received Not received Didn't know	CCASCHEM

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
68 Whether claimed or intended to claim Childcare Cash Rebate for formal care costs	Not applicable Claimed or intended to claim Not claimed, did not intend to claim	CASHREBF
69 Whether claimed or intended to claim Childcare Cash Rebate for informal care costs	Not applicable Claimed or intended to claim Not claimed or did not intend to claim	CASHREBI
70 Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Before and/or after school care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Already over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCA
71 Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Long day care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCF

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
72 Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Family day care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCC
73 Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Occasional care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCD
74 Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Preschool	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCE

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
75 Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Other formal care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCF
76 Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Informal care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /childcare assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	REASNCLI
77 Number of weekdays of care - Before and/or after school care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF1
78 Number of weekdays of care - Long day care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF2

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
79 Number of weekdays of care - Family day care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF3
80 Number of weekdays of care - Occasional care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF4
81 Number of weekdays of care - Preschool	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF5
82 Number of weekdays of care - Other formal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF6
83 Number of weekdays of care - Grandparents	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYS11

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
84 Number of weekdays of care - Brother/sister/step care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYS12
85 Number of weekdays of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYS13
86 Number of weekdays of care - Other relative care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYS14
87 Number of weekdays of care - Other people	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYS15
88 Number of weekdays of care - Total formal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYST1

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Basic CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no. Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
89 Number of weekdays of care - Total formal and/or informal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYST2
90 Number of weekdays of care - Total informal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYST3
91 Arrangements other than care	No other arrangements Self care only Other - scouts, music etc. Both self care and other	OTHERARR
92 Child Weight		WEIGHTC2
93 Random identifier - child record		RANDOMP

APPENDIX 2

**LIST OF DATA ITEMS, CATEGORIES AND FIELD NAMES FOR 1999 EXPANDED CURF** .....

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
1	State/Territory	NSW Vic Qld SA WA Tas NT ACT	STARESI
2	Area of usual residence	State capital cities Balance of Australia	AREAUR
3	Family type	Couple family One parent family	FAMTYPE
4	Age of mother	No mother Continuous from 15 years	MUMAGE
5	Age of father	No father Continuous from 15 years	DADAGE
6	Labour force status of mother	No mother Employed Unemployed Not in the labour force	LFSMUM
7	Labour force status of father	No father Employed Unemployed Not in the labour force	LFSDAD
8	Full-time or part-time status of mother	Not applicable Full-time Part-time	FTPTMUM
9	Full-time or part-time status of father	Not applicable Full-time Part-time	FTPTDAD



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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
10	Weekly hours worked by mother	Not employed	MUMHRSWK
		Single hours	
11	Weekly hours worked by father	Not employed	DADHRSWK
		Single hours	
12	Whether mother was studying full time last week	Not applicable (if 25 years and over)	D28MUM
		Mother currently studying full time	
		Mother not currently studying full time	
13	Whether father studying full-time last week	Not applicable (if 25 years and over)	D28DAD
		Father currently studying full-time	
		Father not currently studying full-time	
14	All sources of income of mother - Wages or salary	Not applicable	ISRCMUMA
		Wages or salary	
15	All sources of income of mother - Profit or loss from a business or rental property	Not applicable	ISRCMUMB
		Profit or loss from a business or rental property	
16	All sources of income of mother - The government family payment	Not applicable	ISRCMUMC
		The government family payment	
17	All sources of income of mother - Any other government pension or allowance	Not applicable	ISRCMUMD
		Any other government pension or allowance	
18	All sources of income of mother - Other regular source	Not applicable	ISRCMUME
		Other regular source	
19	All sources of income of mother - None of the above	Not applicable	ISRCMUMF
		None of the above	
20	All sources of income of father - Wages or salary	Not applicable	ISRCDADA
		Wages or salary	
21	All sources of income of father - Profit or loss from a business or rental property	Not applicable	ISRCDADB
		Profit or loss from a business or rental property	

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
22	All sources of income of father - The government family payment	Not applicable The government family payment	ISRCDADC
23	All sources of income of father - Any other government pension or allowance	Not applicable Any other government pension or allowance	ISRCDADD
24	All sources of income of father - Any other regular source	Not applicable Any other regular source	ISRCDADE
25	All sources of income of father - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	ISRCDA DF
26	Principal source of cash income of mother	Not stated Wages or salary (including from own incorporated business) Profit or loss from own incorporated business or share in a partnership Profit or loss from a rental property Dividends or interest Any government pension or allowance Child support or maintenance Superannuation or annuity Workers compensation/other source No income Not applicable	INCMAINM
27	Principal source of cash income of father	Not stated Wages or salary (including from own incorporated business) Profit or loss from own incorporated business or share in a partnership Profit or loss from a rental property Dividends or interest Any government pension or allowance Child support or maintenance Superannuation or annuity Workers compensation/other source No income Not applicable	INCMAINF
28	Weekly income of mother	Continuous- Topcodes have been used. For all records with values of weekly income exceeding the topcode, an average income weekly income value has been applied.	MUMINC
29	Weekly income of father	Continuous- Topcodes have been used. For all records with values of weekly income exceeding the topcode, an average income weekly income value has been applied.	DADINC

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
30	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Flexible working hours	Not applicable Flexible working hours	WARRUMA
31	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Permanent part-time work	Not applicable Permanent part-time work	WARRUMB
32	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Shiftwork	Not applicable Shiftwork	WARRUMC
33	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Job Sharing	Not applicable Job sharing	WARRUMD
34	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Work at home	Not applicable Work at home	WARRUME
35	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Any other arrangement	Not applicable Any other arrangement	WARRUMF
36	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	WARRUMG
37	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Flexible working hours	Not applicable Flexible working hours	WARRUFA
38	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Permanent part-time work	Not applicable Permanent part-time work	WARRUFB
39	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Shiftwork	Not applicable Shiftwork	WARRUFC
40	Working arrangements fatherly normally used to care for child - Job sharing	Not applicable Job sharing	WARRUFD
41	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Work at home	Not applicable Work at home	WARRUFE

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
42	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Any other arrangement	Not applicable Any other arrangement	WARRUFF
43	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	WARRUFG
44	Sex of child	Males Females	SEX
45	Age of child (years)	Under 1 year 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years 6 years 7 years 8 years 9 years 10 years 11 years	AGE
46	Country of birth of child	Australia Other	KIDCOB
47	Language mainly spoken at home	English Other language	MAINLANG
48	Whether child attended school	Less than 4 years old Attending school Not attending school	SCHATTN
49	All reasons used formal care- Work	Not applicable Work	REASFA
50	All reasons used formal care - Looking for work	Not applicable Looking for work	REASFB
51	All reasons used formal care - Work-related study/training	Not applicable Work-related study/training	REASFC
52	All reasons used formal care - Other study/training	Not applicable Other study/training	REASFD

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
53	All reasons used formal care - Sport	Not applicable Sport	REASF E
54	All reasons used formal care - Shopping	Not applicable Shopping	REASF F
55	All reasons used formal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not applicable Entertainment/social activity	REASF G
56	All reasons used formal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not applicable Give parent(s) a break/time alone	REASF H
57	All reasons used formal care - Voluntary/community activities	Not applicable Voluntary/community activities	REASF I
58	All reasons used formal care - Caring for relatives	Not applicable Caring for relatives	REASF J
59	All reasons used formal care - Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not applicable Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	REASF K
60	All reasons used formal care - Other parent related reason	Not applicable Other parent related reason	REASF L
61	All reasons used formal care - Good for child	Not applicable Good for child	REASF M
62	All reasons used formal care - Prepare child for school	Not applicable Prepare child for school	REASF N
63	All reasons used formal care - Other child-related reason	Not applicable Other child-related reason	REASF O
64	All reasons used formal care - Other	Not applicable Other	REASF P
65	All reasons used informal care - Work	Not applicable Work	REASIA
66	All reasons used informal care - Looking for work	Not applicable Looking for work	REASIB

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
67	All reasons used informal care - Work-related study/training	Not applicable Work-related study/training	REASIC
68	All reasons used informal care - Other study/training	Not applicable Other study/training	REASID
69	All reasons used informal care - Sport	Not applicable Sport	REASIE
70	All reasons used informal care - Shopping	Not applicable Shopping	REASIF
71	All reasons used informal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not applicable Entertainment/social activity	REASIG
72	All reasons used informal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not applicable Give parent(s) a break/time alone	REASIH
73	All reasons used informal care - Voluntary/community activity	Not applicable Voluntary/community activity	REASII
74	All reasons used informal care - Caring for relatives	Not applicable Caring for relatives	REASIJ
75	All reasons used informal care- Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not applicable Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	REASIK
76	All reasons used informal care - Other parent related reason	Not applicable Other parent related reason	REASIL
77	All reasons used informal care - Good for child	Not applicable Good for child	REASIM
78	All reasons used informal care - Prepare child for school	Not applicable Prepare child for school	REASIN
79	All reasons used informal care - For child to spend time with non-resident/non-custodial parent	Not applicable For child to spend time with non-resident/non-custodial parent	REASIO

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
80	All reasons used informal care - Other child-related reason	Not applicable Other child-related reason	REASIP
81	All reasons used informal care - Other	Not applicable Other	REASIQ
82	Main reason used formal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Other study/training Sport Shopping Entertainment/social activity Give parents a break/time alone Voluntary/community activities Caring for relatives Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist Other parent related reason Good for child Prepare child for school Other child-related reason Other Not known	FORMRSN
83	Main reason used informal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Other study/training Sport Shopping Entertainment/social activity Give parents a break/time alone Voluntary/community activities Caring for relatives Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist Other parent related reason Good for child Prepare child for school Other child-related reason Other Not known	INFRSN
84	Whether stopped using formal child care in last 12 months	Not applicable Stopped using formal care in last 12 months Has not stopped using formal care services in last 12 months	FCCSTOPD

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
85	Use of formal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Increased Decreased Stayed the same	FCCHNGD
86	Use of informal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Increased Decreased Stayed the same	INFCHNGD
87	Main reason use of formal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Work reasons Study/training To spend more time with/without child Availability of alternative care Cost Other parent related reason Good for child Preparations for school Started school Child only born in the last year Other child related reason Other	FCCRSCHG
88	Main reason informal child care use changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Work reasons Study/training Spend more time with/without child Availability of alternative care Cost Other parent related reason Good for child Preparation for school Started school Child only born in the last year Other child related reason Other	INFRSCHG
89	Whether child attended vacation care program in last 12 months	Not applicable Attended vacation care program Did not attend vacation care program	HDAYPROG



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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
90	Requirements for (additional) formal care in last 4 weeks	Not applicable Requires (more) formal care Does not require (more) formal care	FCREQ
91	Main reason (additional) formal care not used (incl reasons why not required)	Not applicable/don't know Child too young/old Transport/distance Cost/too expensive Prefer to look after child Prefer other type of care Parents unhappy with service/carers Time/days available not suitable None exists in area/do not know of any in area Booked out/no places Child's preference Child has special needs (illness/disability) Not flexible enough/ not available at short notice Had not yet applied Other reason Made other arrangements No reason	WHYNOTFC
92	Main type of (additional) formal care required	Not applicable Before and/or after school care Long day care centre Family day care Occasional care centre Preschool Other formal care	TYPEREQ

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
93	Main reason (additional) formal care required	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Other study/training Sport Shopping Entertainment/social activity Give parents break/time alone Voluntary/community activity Care for relatives Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist Other parent-related reason Good for child Prepare for school Other child-related reason Other	RESNREQ
94	Number of days (additional) formal care required	Continuous	ALLDAYS
95	Whether preferred type of formal care was available	Not applicable Preferred type of formal care available Preferred type of formal care unavailable Did not know	FCRAVAIL
96	Main reason formal care was not available	Not applicable Booked out/no places None exist in the area/don't know of any in the area Child too young/old Transport/distance Cost/too expensive Times/days available not suitable Child's preference Child has special needs (illness/disability) Parent unhappy with service/carers Not flexible enough/not available at short notice Had not yet applied Other	RFCNOTAV
97	Weekly cost of care - Before and/or after school care	Continuous	COSTF1
98	Weekly cost of care - Long day care	Continuous	COSTF2
99	Weekly cost of care - Family day care	Continuous	COSTF3
100	Weekly cost of care - Occasional care	Continuous	COSTF4

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
101	Weekly cost of care - Preschool	Continuous	COSTF5
102	Weekly cost of care - Other formal care	Continuous	COSTF6
103	Weekly cost of care - Grandparents	Continuous	COSTI1
104	Weekly cost of care - Brother/sister/step care	Continuous	COSTI2
105	Weekly cost of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Continuous	COSTI3
106	Weekly cost of care - Other relative care	Continuous	COSTI4
107	Weekly cost of care - Non-relative care	Continuous	COSTI5
108	Weekly hours of care - Before and/or after school care	Continuous	WHRSF1
109	Weekly hours of care - Long day care	Continuous	WHRSF2
110	Weekly hours of care - Family day care	Continuous	WHRSF3
111	Weekly hours of care - Occasional care	Continuous	WHRSF4
112	Weekly hours of care - Preschool	Continuous	WHRSF5
113	Weekly hours of care - Other formal care	Continuous	WHRSF6
114	Weekly hours of care - Grandparents	Continuous	WHRSI1
115	Weekly hours of care - Brother/sister/step care	Continuous	WHRSI2
116	Weekly hours of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Continuous	WHRSI3
117	Weekly hours of care - Other relative care	Continuous	WHRSI4
118	Weekly hours of care - Non-relative care	Continuous	WHRSI5
119	Whether received assistance from the Childcare Assistance Scheme	Not applicable Received Not received Didn't know	CCASCHEM

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
120	Whether claimed or intended to claim Childcare Cash Rebate for formal care costs	Not applicable Claimed or intended to claim Not claimed, did not intend to claim	CASHREBF
121	Whether claimed or intended to claim Childcare Cash Rebate for informal care costs	Not applicable Claimed or intended to claim Not claimed or did not intend to claim	CASHREBI
122	Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Before and/or after school care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Already over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCA
123	Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Long day care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Already over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCB
124	Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Family day care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Already over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCC

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
125	Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Occasional care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Already over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCD
126	Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Preschool	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Already over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCE
127	Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed - Other formal care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Already over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	RFCRNCF

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
128	Main reason Childcare Cash Rebate not claimed for informal care	Not applicable Not aware of rebate Care not work related Total fees less than rebate Income too high Receives other government /childcare assistance Carer not registered Respondent not registered Over maximum weekly rebate allowable Not worth the trouble Other	REASNCLI
129	Time of day of attendance at before and/or after school care	Not applicable In the mornings only In the afternoons only Both in the mornings and afternoons	TIMBASCU
130	Location of before and /or after school care	Not applicable At school At child care centre Other	LOCBASC
131	Whether long day care centre provides care before 9 am and/or after 5pm	Not applicable Care provided before 9am and/or after 5pm Care not provided before 9am and/or after 5pm	LDB9A5
132	Whether long day care centre conducts its program during school holidays	Not applicable Program conducted during school holidays Program not conducted during school holidays	LDHOLS
133	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Cost	Not applicable Cost	LDREASA
134	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Availability	Not applicable Availability	LDREASB
135	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation	LDREASC
136	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Quality/reputation	Not applicable Quality/reputation of educational program	LDREASD

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
137	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to home	Not applicable Close to home	LDREASE
138	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	LDREASF
139	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	LDREASG
140	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	Not applicable Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	LDREASH
141	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Other	Not applicable Other	LDREASI
142	Main reason for choosing a long day care centre	Not applicable Cost Availability Hours of operation Quality/reputation of educational program Close to home Close to own/spouse's/partner's work On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work Close to child's/brother's/sister's school Other	LDMAIN
143	Whether long day care service is located where would be most suited	Not applicable Long day care service is located where most suited Long day care service is not located where most suited	LDLOCSUT
144	Where long day care centre location is preferred	Not applicable Close to home Close to own/spouse's/partner's work On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work Close to child's/brother's/sister's school Other	LDLOCPRF
145	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Cost	Not applicable Cost	LDRSNPRA

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
146	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Availability	Not applicable Availability	LDRSNPRB
147	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation	LDRSNPRC
148	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Quality	Not applicable Quality	LDRSNPRD
149	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Other	Not applicable Other	LDRSNPRE
150	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Cost	Not applicable Cost	PSREASA
151	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Availability	Not applicable Availability	PSREASB
152	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation	PSREASC
153	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Quality/reputation of educational program	Not applicable Quality/reputation of educational program	PSREASD
154	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to home	Not applicable Close to home	PSREASE
155	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	PSREASF
156	All reasons for choosing a preschool - On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	PSREASG
157	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	Not applicable Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	PSREASH



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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
158	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Other	Not applicable Other	PSREASI
159	Main reason for choosing a preschool	Not applicable Cost Availability Hours of operation Quality/reputation of educational program Close to home Close to own/spouse's/partner's work On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work Close to child's/brother's/sister's school Other	PSMAIN
160	Whether vacation care program required in last 12 months	Not applicable Required Not required	REQHOLP
161	Number of weekdays of care - Before and/or after school care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF1
162	Number of weekdays of care - Long day care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF2
163	Number of weekdays of care - Family day care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF3

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
164	Number of weekdays of care - Occasional care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF4
165	Number of weekdays of care - Preschool	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF5
166	Number of weekdays of care - Other formal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF6
167	Number of weekdays of care - Grandparents	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYS11
168	Number of weekdays of care - Brother/sister/step care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYS12

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
169	Number of weekdays of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSI3
170	Number of weekdays of care - Other relative care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSI4
171	Number of weekdays of care - Other people	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSI5
172	Number of weekdays of care - Total formal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYST1
173	Number of weekdays of care - Total formal and/or informal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYST2

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SAS NAME/IDENTIFIER</i>
174	Number of weekdays of care - Total informal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYST3
175	Arrangements other than care	No other arrangements Self care only Other - scouts, music etc. Both self care and other	OTHERARR
176	Family weight- Note: weights need to be divided by 10,000 before use.		WEIGHTIU
177	Child weight- Note: weights need to be divided by 10,000 before use.		WEIGHTC2
178	Random household number		RANDOMP

**COMPARISON OF 1999 BASIC AND EXPANDED CURFS**

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Comparison of 1999 Basic and Expanded CURFs

<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
Age of mother	No mother 15-24 years 25-34 years 35-49 years 50 years and over	Age of mother	No mother Continuous from 15+
Age of father	No father 15-24 years 25-34 years 35-49 years 50 years and over	Age of father	No father Continuous from 15+
Whether mother employed	No father Employed working full-time Employed working part-time Unemployed looking for full-time work Unemployed looking for part-time work Not in labour force	Labour force status of mother	No mother Employed Unemployed Not in labour force
Whether father employed	No father Employed working full-time Employed working part-time Unemployed looking for full-time work Unemployed looking for part-time work Not in labour force	Labour force status of father	No father Employed Unemployed Not in labour force
Whether mother was studying full-time last week	Not on Basic CURF	Whether mother was studying full-time last week	Not applicable Mother currently studying full-time Mother currently not studying full-time
Whether father was studying full-time last week	Not on Basic CURF	Whether father was studying full-time last week	Not applicable Father currently studying full-time Father currently not studying full-time
Full-time or part-time status of mother	Not on the Basic CURF	Full-time or part-time status of mother	Not applicable Full-time Part-time

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Comparison of 1999 Basic and Expanded CURFs *continued*

<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
Full-time or part-time status of father	Not on the Basic CURF	Full-time or part-time status of father	Not applicable Full-time Part-time
Occupation of mother(a)	Not applicable Managers and administrators Professionals Associate professionals Tradespersons and related workers Advanced clerical and service workers Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers Intermediate production and transport workers Elementary clerical, sales and service workers Labourers and related workers	Occupation of mother	Not on Expanded CURF
Occupation of father(a)	Not applicable Managers and administrators Professionals Associate professionals Tradespersons and related workers Advanced clerical and service workers Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers Intermediate production and transport workers Elementary clerical, sales and service workers Labourers and related workers	Occupation of father	Not on Expanded CURF
Weekly hours worked by mother	Not employed Less than 16 hours 16 - 24 hours 25 - 34 hours 35 - 39 hours 40 hours or more	Weekly hours worked by mother	Not employed Continuous
Weekly hours worked by father	Not employed Less than 16 hours 16 - 24 hours 25 - 34 hours 35 - 39 hours 40 hours or more	Weekly hours worked by father	Not employed Continuous
Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Flexible working hours	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Flexible working hours	Not applicable Flexible working hours
Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Permanent part-time work	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Permanent part-time work	Not applicable Permanent part-time work

(a) Refers to occupation of last job for unemployed persons who had worked for 2 weeks or more in the last 2 years.

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Comparison of 1999 Basic and Expanded CURFs *continued*

<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Shiftwork	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Shiftwork	Not applicable Shiftwork
Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Job Sharing	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Job Sharing	Not applicable Job sharing
Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Work at home	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Work at home	Not applicable Work at home
Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Any other arrangement	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - Any other arrangement	Not applicable Any other arrangement
Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - None of the above	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements mother normally used to care for child - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above
Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Flexible working hours	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Flexible working hours	Not applicable Flexible working hours
Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Permanent part-time work	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Permanent part-time work	Not applicable Permanent part-time work
Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Shiftwork	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Shiftwork	Not applicable Shiftwork
Working arrangements fatherly normally used to care for child - Job sharing	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements fatherly normally used to care for child - Job sharing	Not applicable Job sharing
Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Work at home	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Work at home	Not applicable Work at home
Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Any other arrangement	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - Any other arrangement	Not applicable Any other arrangement
Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - None of the above	Not on Basic CURF	Working arrangements father normally used to care for child - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above
Weekly income of mother		Weekly income of mother	Continuous - Topcodes have been used. For all records with values of weekly income exceeding the topcode an average weekly income value has been substituted.
	Under \$120		
	\$120-\$159		
	\$160-\$199		
	\$200-\$249		
	\$250-\$299		
	\$300-\$399		
	\$400-\$499		
	\$500-\$599		

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
	\$600-\$699		
	\$700-\$799		
	\$800-\$999		
	\$1000 and over		
	Lone father family		
	Do not know/not stated		
Weekly income of father		Weekly income of father	Continuous - Topcodes have been used. For all records with values of weekly income exceeding the topcode an average weekly income value has been substituted.
	Under \$120		
	\$120-\$159		
	\$160-\$199		
	\$200-\$249		
	\$250-\$299		
	\$300-\$399		
	\$400-\$499		
	\$500-\$599		
	\$600-\$699		
	\$700-\$799		
	\$800-\$999		
	\$1000-\$1499		
	\$1500-\$1999		
	\$2000 and over		
	Lone mother family		
	Did not know/not stated		
Weekly income of parents	Under \$120	Weekly income of parents	Not on Expanded CURF
	\$120-\$159		
	\$160-\$199		
	\$200-\$249		
	\$250-\$299		
	\$300-\$399		
	\$400-\$499		
	\$500-\$599		
	\$600-\$699		
	\$700-\$799		
	\$800-\$999		
	\$1000 and over		
	Do not know/not stated		
Country of birth of child	Not on Basic CURF	Country of birth of child	Australia Other
All reasons used formal care - Work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care- Work	Not applicable Work
All reasons used formal care - Looking for work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Looking for work	Not applicable Looking for work
All reasons used formal care - Work-related study/training	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Work-related study/training	Not applicable Work-related study/training
All reasons used formal care - Other study/training	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Other study/training	Not applicable Other study/training



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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
All reasons used formal care - Sport	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Sport	Not applicable Sport
All reasons used formal care - Shopping	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Shopping	Not applicable Shopping
All reasons used formal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not applicable Entertainment/social activity
All reasons used formal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not applicable Give parent(s) a break/time alone
All reasons used formal care - Voluntary/community activities	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Voluntary/community activities	Not applicable Voluntary/community activities
All reasons used formal care - Caring for relatives	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Caring for relatives	Not applicable Caring for relatives
All reasons used formal care - Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not applicable Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist
All reasons used formal care - Other parent related reason	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Other parent related reason	Not applicable Other parent related reason
All reasons used formal care - Good for child	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Good for child	Not applicable Good for child
All reasons used formal care - Prepare child for school	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Prepare child for school	Not applicable Prepare child for school
All reasons used formal care - Other child-related reason	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Other child-related reason	Not applicable Other child-related reason
All reasons used formal care - Other	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used formal care - Other	Not applicable Other
All reasons used informal care - Work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Work	Not applicable Work
All reasons used informal care - Looking for work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Looking for work	Not applicable Looking for work
All reasons used informal care - Work-related study/training	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Work-related study/training	Not applicable Work-related study/training
All reasons used informal care - Other study/training	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care- Other study/training	Not applicable Other study/training
All reasons used informal care - Sport	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Sport	Not applicable Sport
All reasons used informal care - Shopping	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Shopping	Not applicable Shopping
All reasons used informal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not applicable Entertainment/social activity

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
All reasons used informal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not applicable Give parent(s) a break/time alone
All reasons used informal care - Voluntary/community activity	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Voluntary/community activity	Not applicable Voluntary/community activity
All reasons used informal care - Caring for relatives	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Caring for relatives	Not applicable Caring for relatives
All reasons used informal care - Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not applicable Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist
All reasons used informal care - Other parent related reason	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Other parent related reason	Not applicable Other parent related reason
All reasons used informal care - Good for child	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Good for child	Not applicable Good for child
All reasons used informal care - Prepare child for school	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Prepare child for school	Not applicable Prepare child for school
All reasons used informal care - For child to spend time with non-resident/non-custodial parent	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - For child to spend time with non-resident/non-custodial parent	Not applicable For child to spend time with non-resident/non-custodial parent
All reasons used informal care - Other child-related reason	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Other child-related reason	Not applicable Other child-related reason
All reasons used informal care - Other	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons used informal care - Other	Not applicable Other
Whether stopped using formal child care in last 12 months	Not on Basic CURF	Whether stopped using formal child care in last 12 months	Not applicable Stopped using formal care in last 12 months Has not stopped using formal care services in last 12 months
Main reason used formal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Personal Child -related Other	Main reason used formal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Other study/training Sport Shopping Entertainment/social activity Give a break/time alone Voluntary/community activities Caring for relatives Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist Other parent related reason Good for child Prepare child for school Other child-related reason

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
			Other
			Not known
Main reason used informal care	Not applicable	Main reason used informal care	Not applicable
	Work		Work
	Looking for work		Looking for work
	Work-related study/training		Work-related study/training
	Personal		Other study/training
	Child-related		Sport
	Other		Shopping
			Entertainment/social activity
			Give a break/time alone
			Voluntary/community activities
			Caring for relatives
			Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist
			Other parent related reason
			Good for child
			Prepare child for school
			Other child-related reason
			Other
			Not known
Whether additional formal care required and whether available	Required and available	Requirements for (additional) formal care in last 4 weeks	Not applicable
	Required but not available		Requires (more) formal care
	Required, not known whether available		Does not require (more) formal care
	Not required		
Main reason (additional) formal care not used (incl reasons why not required)	Not known whether care available	Main reason (additional) formal care not used (incl reasons why not required)	Not applicable/don't know
	Child too young/old		Child too young/old
	Transport/distance		Transport/distance
	Cost/too expensive		Cost/too expensive
	Prefer to look after child		Prefer to look after child
	Prefer other type of care		Prefer other type of care
	Parents unhappy with service/carers		Parents unhappy with service/carers
	Time/days available not suitable/not flexible enough/not available at short notice		Time/days available not suitable
	None exists in area/do not know of any in area		None exists in area/do not know of any in area
	Booked out/no places		Booked out/no places
	Child's preference		Child's preference
	Child has special needs (illness/disability)/had not yet applied/made other arrangements/other reason		Child has special needs (illness/disability)
	No reason		Not flexible enough/ not available at short notice
			Had not yet applied
			Other reason
			Made other arrangements
			No reason

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
Main reason (additional) formal care required	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Personal Child-related Other	Main reason (additional) formal care required	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Other study/training Sport Shopping Entertainment/social activity Give parents break/time alone Voluntary/community activity Care for relatives Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist Other parent-related reason Good for child Prepare for school Other child-related reason Other
Number of days (additional) formal care required	No additional formal care required 1 - 4 days 5 - 8 days 9 - 12 days 13 - 16 days 17 - 20 days 21 - 28 days Do not know	Number of days (additional) formal care required	Continuous
Whether preferred type of formal care was available	Not on Basic CURF	Whether preferred type of formal care was available	Not applicable Preferred type of formal care available Preferred type of formal care unavailable Did not know
Main reason formal care was not available	Not on Basic CURF	Main reason formal care was not available	Not applicable Booked out/no places None exist in the area/don't know of any in the area Child too young/old Transport/distance Cost/too expensive Times/days available not suitable Child's preference Child has special needs (illness/disability) Parent unhappy with service/carers Not flexible enough/not available at short notice Had not yet applied Other

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
Weekly cost of care - Before and/or after school care	No cost \$1 - \$4 \$5 - \$9 \$10 - \$14 \$15 - \$19 \$20 - \$24 \$25 or more Not stated Not used	Weekly cost of care - Before and/or after school care	Continuous
Weekly cost of care - Long day care	No cost \$1 - \$9 \$10 - \$19 \$20 - \$29 \$30 - \$39 \$40 - \$49 \$50 - \$59 \$60 - \$69 \$70 - \$89 \$90 - \$109 \$110 - \$139 \$140 or more Not stated Not used	Weekly cost of care - Long day care	Continuous
Weekly cost of care - Family day care	No cost \$1 - \$9 \$10 - \$19 \$20 - \$29 \$30 - \$49 \$50 or more Not stated Not used	Weekly cost of care - Family day care	Continuous
Weekly cost of care - Occasional care	No cost \$1 - \$9 \$10 - \$19 \$20 - \$29 \$30 or more Not stated Not used	Weekly cost of care - Occasional care	Continuous
Weekly cost of care - Preschool	No cost \$1 - \$9 \$10 - \$19 \$20 - \$29 \$30 - \$49 \$50 or more Not stated Not used	Weekly cost of care - Preschool	Continuous
Weekly cost of care - Other formal care	No cost \$1 - \$9 \$10 or more	Weekly cost of care - Other formal care	Continuous

CHILD CARE SURVEY 1999, Comparison of 1999 Basic and Expanded CURFs *continued*

<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
	Not stated		
	Not used		
Weekly cost of care - Grandparents	No cost	Weekly cost of care - Grandparents	Continuous
	\$1 - \$49		
	\$50 or more		
	Not stated		
	Not used		
Weekly cost of care - Brother/sister/step care	No cost	Weekly cost of care - Brother/sister/step care	Continuous
	\$1 - \$49		
	\$50 or more		
	Not stated		
	Not used		
Weekly cost of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	No cost	Weekly cost of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Continuous
	Not used		
Weekly cost of care - Other relative care	No cost	Weekly cost of care - Other relative care	Continuous
	\$1 - \$79		
	\$80 or more		
	Not stated		
	Not used		
Weekly cost of care - Other people care	No cost	Weekly cost of care - Non-relative care	Continuous
	\$1 - \$9		
	\$10 - \$19		
	\$20 - \$39		
	\$40 - \$69		
	\$70 or more		
	Not stated		
	Not used		
Weekly hours of care - Before and/or after school care	Not used	Weekly hours of care - Before and/or after school care	Continuous
	1 - 5 hours		
	6 - 10 hours		
	Greater than 10 hours		
Weekly hours of care - Long day care	Not used	Weekly hours of care - Long day care	Continuous
	1 - 5 hours		
	6 - 10 hours		
	11 - 15 hours		
	16 - 20 hours		
	21 - 25 hours		
	26 - 30 hours		
	31 - 35 hours		
	36 - 40 hours		
	Greater than 40 hours		
Weekly hours of care - Family day care	Not used	Weekly hours of care - Family day care	Continuous
	1 - 5 hours		
	6 - 10 hours		
	11 - 15 hours		
	16 - 20 hours		

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
Weekly hours of care - Occasional care	Greater than 20 hours Not used 1 - 5 hours Greater than 5 hours	Weekly hours of care - Occasional care	Continuous
Weekly hours of care - Preschool	Not used 1 - 5 hours 6 - 10 hours 11 - 15 hours Greater than 15 hours	Weekly hours of care - Preschool	Continuous
Weekly hours of care - Other formal care	Not used 1 - 5 hours Greater than 5 hours	Weekly hours of care - Other formal care	Continuous
Weekly hours of care - Grandparents	Not used 1 - 5 hours 6 - 10 hours 11 - 15 hours 16 - 20 hours 21 - 25 hours 26 - 30 hours Greater than 30 hours	Weekly hours of care - Grandparents	Continuous
Weekly hours of care - Brother/sister/step care	Not used 1 - 5 hours Greater than 5 hours	Weekly hours of care - Brother/sister/step care	Continuous
Weekly hours of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Not used 1 - 5 hours 6 - 10 hours Greater than 10 hours	Weekly hours of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Continuous
Weekly hours of care - Other relative care	Not used 1 - 5 hours 6 - 10 hours 11 - 15 hours Greater than 15 hours	Weekly hours of care - Other relative care	Continuous
Weekly hours of care - Non-relative care	Not used 1 - 5 hours 6 - 10 hours 11 - 15 hours 16 - 20 hours Greater than 20 hours	Weekly hours of care - Non-relative care	Continuous
Time of day of attendance at before and/or after school care	Not on Basic CURF	Time of day of attendance at before and/or after school care	Not applicable In the mornings only In the afternoons only Both in the mornings and afternoons
Location of before and /or after school care	Not on Basic CURF	Location of before and /or after school care	Not applicable At school

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
			At child care centre
			Other
Whether long day care centre provides care before 9 am and/or after 5pm	Not on Basic CURF	Whether long day care centre provides care before 9 am and/or after 5pm	Not applicable
			Care provided before 9am and/or after 5pm
			Care not provided before 9am and/or after 5pm
Whether long day care centre conducts its program during school holidays	Not on Basic CURF	Whether long day care centre conducts its program during school holidays	Not applicable
			Program conducted during school holidays
			Program not conducted during school holidays
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Cost	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Cost	Not applicable
			Cost
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Availability	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Availability	Not applicable
			Availability
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not applicable
			Hours of operation
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Quality/reputation	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Quality/reputation	Not applicable
			Quality/reputation of educational program
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to home	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to home	Not applicable
			Close to home
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable
			Close to own/spouse's/partner's work
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable
			On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	Not applicable
			Close to child's/brother's/sister's school
All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Other	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Other	Not applicable
			Other
Main reason for choosing a long day care centre	Not on Basic CURF	Main reason for choosing a long day care centre	Not applicable
			Cost
			Availability
			Hours of operation
			Quality/reputation of educational program
			Close to home



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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
			Close to own/spouse's/partner's work On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work Close to child's/brother's/sister's school Other
Whether long day care service is located where would be most suited	Not on Basic CURF	Whether long day care service is located where would be most suited	Not applicable Long day care service is located where most suited Long day care service is not located where most suited
Where long day care centre location is preferred	Not on Basic CURF	Where long day care centre location is preferred	Not applicable Close to home Close to own/spouse's/partner's work On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work Close to child's/brother's/sister's school Other
All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Cost	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Cost	Not applicable Cost
All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Availability	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Availability	Not applicable Availability
All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation
All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Quality	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Quality	Not applicable Quality
All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Other	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Other	Not applicable Other
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Cost	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Cost	Not applicable Cost
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Availability	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Availability	Not applicable Availability
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Hours of operation	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Quality/reputation of educational program	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Quality/reputation of educational program	Not applicable Quality/reputation of educational program
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to home	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to home	Not applicable

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<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Basic CURF</i>	<i>Data item</i>	<i>As shown on the Expanded CURF</i>
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	Close to home Not applicable Close to own/spouse's/partner's work
All reasons for choosing a preschool - On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to child's/brother's/sister's school	Not applicable Close to child's/brother's/sister's school
All reasons for choosing a preschool - Other	Not on Basic CURF	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Other	Not applicable Other
Main reason for choosing a preschool	Not on Basic CURF	Main reason for choosing a preschool	Not applicable Cost Availability Hours of operation Quality/reputation of educational program Close to home Close to own/spouse's/partner's work On the way to own/spouse's/partner's work Close to child's/brother's/sister's school Other
Whether vacation care program required in last 12 months	Not on Basic CURF	Whether vacation care program required in last 12 months	Not applicable Required Not required
Family weight	Not on Basic CURF	Family weight - Note: weights need to be divided by 10,000 before use.	

**STANDARD ERRORS OF PERSON ESTIMATES** .....**STANDARD ERRORS FOR ESTIMATES OF NUMBER OF CHILDREN,  
Standard error**  
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<i>Estimate</i> ( <i>'000</i> )	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5
2	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7
3	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8
4	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.0
5	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.1
10	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.5
15	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.9
20	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.6	0.7	0.6	1.1	2.1
30	2.8	2.5	2.4	1.5	1.8	0.8	0.7	1.4	2.6
50	3.4	3.1	2.9	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.8	1.8	3.3
100	4.5	4.1	3.8	2.2	2.8	1.0	0.9	2.5	4.5
150	5.2	4.8	4.4	2.5	3.2	1.1	0.9	3.0	5.4
200	5.8	5.5	4.9	2.7	3.5	1.2	—	—	6.2
300	6.7	6.5	5.7	3.1	4.0	1.2	—	—	7.4
500	8.0	8.0	6.8	3.5	4.6	1.3	—	—	9.2
1000	10.1	10.6	8.5	—	—	—	—	—	12.3
2000	12.6	14.0	10.6	—	—	—	—	—	16.3

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)**STANDARD ERRORS FOR ESTIMATES OF NUMBER OF CHILDREN,  
Relative standard error**  
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<i>Estimate</i> ( <i>'000</i> )	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	62.3	55.9	52.7	39.8	44.7	26.3	26.7	27.2	47.7
2	43.2	38.0	36.6	26.7	30.6	17.3	16.9	18.7	34.2
3	34.7	30.3	29.4	21.1	24.3	13.4	12.8	15.1	28.1
4	29.6	25.8	25.1	17.7	20.6	11.1	10.5	12.9	24.3
5	26.2	22.7	22.2	15.5	18.1	9.6	8.9	11.5	21.8
10	17.7	15.3	15.0	10.1	12.0	6.0	5.4	8.0	15.3
15	14.0	12.2	11.9	7.8	9.4	4.5	4.0	6.5	12.4
20	11.9	10.3	10.1	6.5	7.9	3.6	3.2	5.6	10.7
30	9.3	8.2	7.9	5.0	6.1	2.7	2.3	4.5	8.7
50	6.9	6.1	5.8	3.6	4.4	1.8	1.5	3.5	6.6
100	4.5	4.1	3.8	2.2	2.8	1.0	0.9	2.5	4.5
150	3.5	3.2	2.9	1.7	2.1	0.7	0.6	2.0	3.6
200	2.9	2.7	2.5	1.4	1.8	0.6	—	—	3.1
300	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.0	1.3	0.4	—	—	2.5
500	1.6	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.3	—	—	1.8
1000	1.0	1.1	0.9	—	—	—	—	—	1.2
2000	0.6	0.7	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	0.8

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

## GLOSSARY .....

<b>(Additional) formal care</b>	Additional formal care required in the last four weeks for children already using formal care, and formal care required in the last four weeks for children who did not currently use any.
<b>Area of usual residence</b>	State Capital Cities comprises the Statistical Divisions of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart. Note that Darwin and Canberra are excluded from this category. Balance of Australia comprises all areas outside the capital cities mentioned above, plus Canberra and Darwin.
<b>Before and/or after school care program</b>	A type of formal care available to school-aged children before and/or after school hours.
<b>Brother/sister care</b>	Informal care by the child's brothers or sisters, including step brothers or sisters. Child care arrangements Relates to those types of care described as formal and informal.
<b>Childcare Rebate (CR)</b>	The Childcare Rebate, formerly the Childcare Cash Rebate, scheme paid families a percentage of their work-related child care costs regardless of income and assets. The amount payable depended on the number of children receiving care for work-related purposes, the total cost of that care net of any Childcare Assistance the family may have received, and family income. For families with a taxable income of \$70,000 or less (plus \$3,000 for each child after the first), the weekly rebate was 30% of child care costs in excess of \$20.50, up to a maximum of \$28.95 for one child and \$64.05 for more than one child. If taxable family income was more than \$70,000 (plus \$3,000 for each child after the first), the rebate was 20% of child care costs in excess of \$20.50, up to a maximum of \$19.30 for one child and \$42.70 for more than one child. It is was funded by the former Department of Health and Family Services and paid through Medicare offices.
<b>Children</b>	All children under 12 years of age in scope for the survey.
<b>Cost of care</b>	Money paid by parent(s) for a child to attend child care (including no cost) in the reference week. This is the cost as reported in response to the question asked for each type of care "How much did you (you and your partner) pay to have your child attend (care) last week". It is possible that some respondents may have reported their net cost i.e after the receipt of the Childcare Rebate.
<b>Couple family</b>	A family based on two persons who are in a registered or de facto marriage and who are usually resident in the same household. Couple Families included in the CCS have at least one child aged 0-11 years.
<b>Eligible children for the CR</b>	Children who used work-related care for which their parent(s) paid, where the total fees for work-related care for the family were at least \$20.50 per week and the family had not already received the maximum weekly rebate allowable.
<b>Family</b>	For the purpose of this publication, a family consists of one or two parents and one or more children under 12 years of age, regardless of whether older children or other relatives are also usually resident.
<b>Family day care</b>	A type of formal care offered in private homes by registered carers, available for a full day to children of all ages.
<b>Family type</b>	Refers to one-parent or couple families.
<b>Father</b>	A usual resident in the household who is the natural, adopted or step father of the child; or the male legal guardian of the child.

<b>Formal care</b>	Regulated care away from the child's home. The main types of formal care are before and after school care, long day care, family day care, occasional care and preschool.
<b>Full-time/part-time workers</b>	<p>Full-time workers are employed persons who usually work 35 hours or more a week and others who, although they usually work less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.</p> <p>Part-time workers are employed persons who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.</p>
<b>Grandparent care</b>	Informal care by the child's grandmother or grandfather.
<b>Hours of care</b>	Number of hours a child attended child care in the reference week.
<b>Hours worked</b>	Number of hours actually worked by the child's parent(s) in the reference week.
<b>Income</b>	Regular cash receipts before income tax or the Medicare levy are deducted (ie gross income). This includes moneys received from wages and salaries, government pensions and allowances, and other regular receipts such as superannuation, workers' compensation, child support, profit or loss from unincorporated business or partnership and investment income.
<b>Informal care</b>	Non-regulated care, arranged by a child's parent/guardian, either in the child's home or elsewhere. It comprises care by (step) brothers or sisters, care by grandparents, care by other relatives (including a parent living elsewhere) and care by other (unrelated) people such as friends, neighbours, nannies or babysitters. It may be paid or unpaid.
<b>Long day care centre</b>	Regulated, centre-based care which is available to children between birth and school age for the full day. Centres are usually open for most of the year.
<b>Median</b>	The value which divides the population into two equal parts, one falling below the value and one above.
<b>Mother</b>	A usual resident in the household who is the natural, adopted or step mother of the child; or the female legal guardian of the child.
<b>Occasional care</b>	Regulated care which is generally available to children between birth and school age for short periods of time to allow parents to shop, attend appointments, or to take brief breaks from parenting.
<b>One parent family</b>	For the CCS, a family consisting of a lone parent with at least one child aged 0-11 years who is also usually resident in the household.
<b>Other formal care</b>	Any other non-home-based formal care whose primary function is the care of children for short periods of time eg facilities available at a fitness centre to care for the child while the parent participates in the centre's activities.
<b>Other person care</b>	Informal care by people who are not related to the child such as family friends, babysitters, nannies or neighbours.
<b>Other relative care</b>	Informal care by relatives of the child excluding (step) brothers and sisters, and grandparents. It includes care by the child's other parent living elsewhere as well as care by in-laws and ex-wives/husbands of the parent interviewed.
<b>Preschool</b>	A type of formal care generally available in school hours during school terms for children from three years of age (younger children are sometimes accepted) up to the school starting age. Children usually have fixed attendance times. Also known as kindergarten in some States.
<b>Reason CR not claimed</b>	The main reason parent(s) had not claimed or did not intend to claim the Childcare Rebate for eligible children. Such reasons included not aware of the rebate, carer not registered, not worth the trouble and assumed ineligible, for example because income was thought to be too high or received other government assistance.

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<b>Reason used care/reason required (additional) formal care</b>	<p>Respondents were asked to identify all reasons and the main reason.</p> <p><i>Work-related reasons</i> include working, looking for work and studying/training for work.</p> <p><i>Personal reasons</i> include study or training not related to work, shopping, entertainment, social or sporting activities, giving parents a break/time alone, caring for relatives, visiting doctor, or undertaking voluntary/community activities.</p> <p><i>Child-related reasons</i> include good for child and preparation for school.</p>
<b>Take-up rate (for CR)</b>	<p>The proportion of eligible children whose parent(s) claimed or intended to claim the Childcare Rebate.</p>
<b>Work arrangements</b>	<p>Arrangements, such as flexible working hours, permanent part-time work, shiftwork, job sharing or working at home, normally used by employed parents to assist them to care for their child(ren).</p>



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