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NOTES

ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
CCB	Child Care Benefit
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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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

This technical paper provides information on the release of microdata from the 2002 Child Care Survey (CCS). The data are available through a Confidentialised Unit Record File (CURF) released with the approval of the Australian Statistician. For 2002, an expanded CURF is available and is accessible only through the Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL) from December, 2004.

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. Further information about this facility is available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (see Access to ABS CURFs).

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The 2002 CCS is a continuation of a series of surveys on the topic of child care conducted since 1969. The previous survey was in June 1999. The other years in which the survey was conducted were 1969, 1973, 1977, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996 and 1999.

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

The results from the 2002 CCS are published in *Child Care, Australia, June 2002* (cat. no. 4402.0). Some summary statistics from the publication are available on the ABS website.

The topics included in the 2002 CCS were:

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

CHAPTER 2

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

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 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 conducted over a two-week period between 12 and 24 June 2002. Most data collected on the use of child care relates to the week prior to interview (with the exception of Tasmania where it related to 27 May to 2 June to avoid Tasmanian school holidays).

In each selected household, detailed information about each child's child care was collected for a maximum of two children aged under 12 years. Information was obtained from an adult who permanently resided in the selected household and was either the child's parent, step-parent or guardian. In selected households with more than two children aged under 12 years, two children were randomly selected and the complete set of child care information was collected for them. Summary information was collected for

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the additional children including number attending child care, CCB entitlements, and cost of formal and informal care.

This sampling methodology differs from that used in 1999 where a small set of information was collected for each of the 3rd, 4th and 5th children aged under 12 years in the household and the sampling methodology used in the 1996 survey and earlier, where a complete set of child care information was collected for all children aged under 12 years usually resident in a selected household.

Some changes were made to the survey content between 1999 and 2002. For information about these changes, see the Explanatory Notes in *Child Care, Australia, June 2002* (cat. no. 4402.0).

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 2002. The ERP estimates for 2002 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 include 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

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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.

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 both child and family estimates obtained from the CCS are provided in Appendix 2. The values given in the tables do not give a precise measure of the SE and RSE for a particular estimate, but will provide an indication of their magnitude.

Additional information about the calculation of standard errors is provided in the Technical Notes of *Child Care, Australia, June 2002* (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.

CHAPTER 3

USING THE CURF DATA

ABOUT THE DATA

The number of confidentialised respondent records available for analysis from the 2002 CCS is 10,159. 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.

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 2002 CCS Expanded CURF is provided in Appendix 1.

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 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

The 2002 CCS Expanded CURF file can only be accessed in SAS and SPSS at this time. Additional software may be introduced in the future.

The 2002 CCS Expanded CURF contains the files listed below.

Information files

CC02.TXT - contains documentation on the CC02.DAT raw data including data item labels, field start positions and lengths, code values and category labels. To assist with data validation it also contains weighted and unweighted frequencies of each code value. The file is in plain text format.

CCS02CURFTECHPAPER.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.

CC02PUB.PDF - This Acrobat file contains the publication Child Care, Australia, June 2002 (cat. no 4402.0)

README.TXT - This file contains a description of all the files relevant to the 2002 CCS Expanded 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.

CC02.SD2 - contains the test file for child level data for the Expanded CURF in SAS for Windows format.

CC02.SAV - contains the test file for child level data for the Expanded CURF in SPSS format.

CC02.DTA - contains the test file for child level data for the Expanded CURF in STATA format.*

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DATA ITEMS

The data items and categories included on the 2002 CCS Expanded CURF are listed in Appendix 1.

RECORD TYPES

There is a single record level available on the CCS CURF. This can be used to derive child data.

The CURF contains 10,159 records which can be weighted to produce estimates of children aged under 12 years. Each unit record contains a unique ABS identifier (ABSHID). RADL users should be aware of how this identifier should be used. Further information is provided in the RADL 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 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 (e.g. 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.

CHAPTER 4

CONDITIONS OF CURF RELEASE

CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

The 2002 CCS Expanded CURF is 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 CURF has 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

CONDITIONS OF RELEASE <i>continued</i>	the propriety of any particular intended use of the data is available from <intermediary.management@abs.gov.au> or telephone (02) 6252 5731.
CONDITIONS OF SALE	All ABS products and services are provided under conditions of sale. Any queries relating to these Conditions of Sale should be referred to <intermediary.management@abs.gov.au>.
PRICE	The price of the 2002 CCS Expanded CURF, as at November 2004, is \$8,000.00.
HOW TO ORDER	All clients wishing to access the 2002 CCS Expanded CURF should refer to the ABS website, < http://www.abs.gov.au > (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.
<i>Australian universities</i>	University clients should refer to the ABS web site < http://www.abs.gov.au > (under 'Services to Universities'). The CCS CURF can be accessed by universities participating in the ABS/AVCC CURF agreement for research and teaching purposes.
<i>Other clients</i>	Other prospective clients should contact the CURF Management Unit of the ABS at intermediary.management@abs.gov.au.

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, CATEGORIES AND FIELD NAMES FOR 2002 CCS EXPANDED CURF

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
1	State/Territory	NSW Vic Qld SA WA Tas NT ACT	STATEURI
2	Area of usual residence	State capital cities Balance of Australia	AREAURI
3	Family Type	Couple family One parent family	FAMTYPE
4	Age of mother	No mother Continuous from 15+	MUMAGE
5	Age of father	No father Continuous from 15+	DADAGE
6	Labour force status of mother	No father Employed Unemployed Not in labour force	LFMUM
7	Labour force status of father	No mother Employed Unemployed Not in labour force	LFDAD
8	Full-time or part-time status of mother	Not applicable Full-time Part-time	FTPTMUM

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
9	Full-time or part-time status of father	Not applicable Full-time Part-time	FTPTDAD
10	Weekly hours worked by mother	Not employed Single hours	WKDHRMUM
11	Weekly hours worked by father	Not employed Single hours	WKDHRDAD
12	Whether mother was studying full-time	Not applicable (if 25 years and over) Mother currently studying full-time Mother not currently studying full-time	FTSTMUM
13	Whether father studying full-time	Not applicable (if 25 years and over) Father currently studying full-time Father not currently studying full-time	FTSTDAD
14	All sources of income of mother - Wage and salary	Not applicable Wages or salary	ASCIMUMA
15	All sources of income of mother - Profit or loss	Not applicable Profit or loss from business or rental property	ASCIMUMB
16	All sources of income of mother - Government pension benefit or allowance	Not applicable Government pension benefit or allowance	ASCIMUMC
17	All sources of income of mother - Other regular source	Not applicable Other regular source	ASCIMUMD
18	All sources of income of mother - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	ASCIMUME
19	All sources of income of father - Wages or salary	Not applicable Wages or salary	ASCIDADA

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
20	All sources of income of father - Profit or loss from business or rental property	Not applicable	ASCIDADB
		Profit or loss from business or rental property	
21	All sources of income of father - Government pension benefit or allowance	Not applicable	ASCIDADC
		Government pension benefit or allowance	
22	All sources of income of father - Any other regular source	Not applicable	ASCIDADD
		Any other regular source	
23	All sources of income of father - None of the above	Not applicable	ASCIDADE
		None of the above	
24	Principal source of cash income of mother	Not applicable	PSRCMUM
		Employee cash income	
		Own business or partnership	
		Government payment	
		Other	
		None of the above	
25	Principal source of cash income of father	Not applicable	PSRCDAD
		Employee cash income	
		Own business or partnership	
		Government payment	
		Other	
		None of the above	
26	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 applied	INCMUM
27	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 applied	INCDAD
28	Working arrangements mother normally used to assist with child care - Flexible working hours	Not applicable	WANUMUMA
		Flexible working hours	

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
29	Working arrangements mother normally used to assist with child care - Permanent part-time work	Not applicable Permanent part-time work	WANUMUMB
30	Working arrangements mother normally used to assist with child care - Shiftwork	Not applicable Shiftwork	WANUMUMC
31	Working arrangements mother normally used to assist with child care - Work at home	Not applicable Work at home	WANUMUMD
32	Working arrangements mother normally used to assist with child care - Job sharing	Not applicable Job sharing	WANUMUME
33	Working arrangements mother normally used to assist with child care - Any other arrangement	Not applicable Any other arrangement	WANUMUMF
34	Working arrangements mother normally used to assist with child care - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	WANUMUMG
35	Working arrangements father normally used to assist with child care - Flexible working hours	Not applicable Flexible working hours	WANUDADA
36	Working arrangements father normally used to assist with child care - Permanent part-time work	Not applicable Permanent part-time work	WANUDADB

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
37	Working arrangements father normally used to assist with child care - Shiftwork	Not applicable Shiftwork	WANUDADC
38	Working arrangements father normally used to assist with child care - Work at home	Not applicable Work at home	WANUDADD
39	Working arrangements fatherly normally used to assist with child care - Job sharing	Not applicable Job sharing	WANUADAE
40	Working arrangements father normally used to assist with child care - Any other arrangement	Not applicable Any other arrangement	WANUDADF
41	Working arrangements father normally used to assist with child care - None of the above	Not applicable None of the above	WANUDADG
42	Sex of child	Males Females	SEXCHILD
43	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	AGECHD
44	Country of birth of child	Australia Other	COBIRTHC
45	Language mainly spoken at home	English Other language	MAINLANG

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
46	Whether child attended school	Less than 4 years old Attending school Not attending school	SCHATTN
47	All reasons used formal care - Work	Not applicable Work	ARATTFCA
48	All reasons used formal care - Looking for work	Not applicable Looking for work	ARATTFCB
49	All reasons used formal care - Work-related study/training	Not applicable Work-related study/training	ARATTFCC
50	All reasons used formal care - Other study/training	Not applicable Other study/training	ARATTFCD
51	All reasons used formal care - Sport	Not applicable Parent(s) participating in sport	ARATTFCE
52	All reasons used formal care - Shopping	Not applicable Shopping	ARATTFCF
53	All reasons used formal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not applicable Entertainment/social activity	ARATTFCG
54	All reasons used formal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not applicable Give parent(s) a break/time alone	ARATTFCH
55	All reasons used formal care - Voluntary/community activities	Not applicable Voluntary/community activities	ARATTFCI
56	All reasons used formal care - Care for relatives	Not applicable Care for relatives	ARATTFCJ

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
57	All reasons used formal care - Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not applicable	ARATTFCF
		Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	
58	All reasons used formal care - Other parent related reason	Not applicable	ARATTFCL
		Other parent related reason	
59	All reasons used formal care - Good for child	Not applicable	ARATTFCM
		Good for child	
60	All reasons used formal care - Prepare child for school	Not applicable	ARATTFCN
		Prepare child for school	
61	All reasons used formal care - Other child-related reason	Not applicable	ARATTFCO
		Other child-related reason	
62	All reasons used formal care - Other	Not applicable	ARATTFCP
		Other	
63	All reasons used informal care - Work	Not applicable	ARAINFCA
		Work	
64	All reasons used informal care - Looking for work	Not applicable	ARAINFCB
		Looking for work	
65	All reasons used informal care - Work-related study/training	Not applicable	ARAINFCC
		Work-related study/training	
66	All reasons used informal care - Other study/training	Not applicable	ARAINFCD
		Other study/training	
67	All reasons used informal care -Sport	Not applicable	ARAINFCE
		Sport	

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
68	All reasons used informal care - Shopping	Not applicable Shopping	ARAINFCF
69	All reasons used informal care - Entertainment/social activity	Not applicable Entertainment/social activity	ARAINFCG
70	All reasons used informal care - Give parent(s) a break/time alone	Not applicable Give parent(s) a break/time alone	ARAINFCH
71	All reasons used informal care - Voluntary/community activity	Not applicable Voluntary/community activity	ARAINFCI
72	All reasons used informal care - Care for relatives	Not applicable Care for relatives	ARAINFCJ
73	All reasons used informal care - Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	Not applicable Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist	ARAINFCK
74	All reasons used informal care - Other parent related reason	Not applicable Other parent related reason	ARAINFCL
75	All reasons used informal care - Good for child	Not applicable Good for child	ARAINFCM
76	All reasons used informal care - Prepare child for school	Not applicable Prepare child for school	ARAINFCN
77	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	ARAINFCO

LIST OF DATA ITEMS, 2002 Child Care Survey—Expanded CURF *continued*

<i>Data Item</i>			<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
<i>no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	
78	All reasons used informal care - Other child-related reason	Not applicable Other child-related reason	ARAINFP
79	All reasons used informal care - Other	Not applicable Other	ARAINFQ
80	Main reason used formal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Other study/training Sport Shopping Entertainment/social activity Give parent(s) a break/time alone Voluntary/community activities Care for relatives Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist Other parent related reason Good for child Prepare child for school Other child-related reason Other	MRATFOCC
81	Main reason used informal care	Not applicable Work Looking for work Work-related study/training Other study/training Sport Shopping Entertainment/social activity Give parent(s) a break/time alone Voluntary/community activities Care for relatives Ill/in hospital/visited doctor/dentist Other parent related reason Good for child Prepare child for school Other child-related reason Other	MRATINFC

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
82	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
83	Whether use of formal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Increased Decreased Stayed the same	FCCCHNGD
84	Whether use of informal child care changed in last 12 months	Not applicable Increased Decreased Stayed the same	INFCHNGD
85	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

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<i>Data Item</i>			<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
<i>no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	
86	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
87	Whether child attended vacation care program in last 12 months	Not applicable Attended vacation care program Did not attend vacation care program	ATTVACAR
88	Requirement for (additional) formal care in last 4 weeks	Requires (more) formal care Does not require (more) formal care	REQFORCA
89	Main reason (additional) formal care not used in last 4 weeks	Not applicable/don't know Child too young/old Transport/distance Cost/too expensive Prefer or available to look after child Prefer other type of care Parents unhappy with service/carers Time/days available not suitable None exist or don't know of any in area Booked out/no places Child's preference Child has special needs (illness/disability) Not flexible enough or not available at short notice Had not yet applied Other reason Made other arrangement No reason No need	MRNUFC

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<i>Data Item</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
90	Main type of (additional) formal care required in last 4 weeks	Not applicable Before and/or after school care Long day care centre Family day care Occasional care centre Preschool Other formal care	MTYFCREQ
91	Main reason (additional) formal care required in last 4 weeks	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	MRMOREFC
92	Number of days (additional) formal care required in last 4 weeks	Continuous	DFOCAREQ
93	Whether preferred type of formal care was available in last 4 weeks	Not applicable Preferred type of formal care available Preferred type of formal care unavailable Did not know	WPTFCAVA

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
94	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 has special needs (illness/disability) Parent unhappy with service/carers Not flexible enough/not available at short notice Had not yet applied Other	MRFOCANA
95	Weekly cost of care - Before and/or after school care	Continuous	COSTF1
96	Weekly cost of care - Long day care	Continuous	COSTF2
97	Weekly cost of care - Family day care	Continuous	COSTF3
98	Weekly cost of care - Occasional care	Continuous	COSTF4
99	Weekly cost of care - Preschool	Continuous	COSTF5
100	Weekly cost of care - Other formal care	Continuous	COSTF6
101	Weekly cost of care - Grandparents	Continuous	COSTI1
102	Weekly cost of care - Brother/sister/step care	Continuous	COSTI2
103	Weekly cost of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Continuous	COSTI3
104	Weekly cost of care - Other relative care	Continuous	COSTI4
105	Weekly cost of care - Non-relative care	Continuous	COSTI5
106	Weekly hours of care - Before and/or after school care	Continuous	WHRSF1

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
107	Weekly hours of care - Long day care	Continuous	WHRSF2
108	Weekly hours of care - Family day care	Continuous	WHRSF3
109	Weekly hours of care - Occasional care	Continuous	WHRSF4
110	Weekly hours of care - Preschool	Continuous	WHRSF5
111	Weekly hours of care - Other formal care	Continuous	WHRSF6
112	Weekly hours of care - Grandparents	Continuous	WHRSI1
113	Weekly hours of care - Brother/sister/step care	Continuous	WHRSI2
114	Weekly hours of care - Child's other parent living elsewhere	Continuous	WHRSI3
115	Weekly hours of care - Other relative care	Continuous	WHRSI4
116	Weekly hours of care - Non-relative care	Continuous	WHRS15
117	Whether care provider receives the Child Care Benefit to reduce the cost of formal care for other children	Not applicable Centre receives the child care benefit Centre does not receive the child care benefit Don't know if the centre receives the child care benefit	WBENREDA
118	Whether care provider receives the Child Care Benefit to reduce the cost of before and/or - after school care	Not applicable Centre receives the child care benefit Centre does not receive the child care benefit Don't know if the centre receives the child care benefit	WBENREDB

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
119	Whether care provider receives the Child Care Benefit to reduce the cost - Long day care	Not applicable Centre receives the child care benefit Centre does not receive the child care benefit Don't know if the centre receives the child care benefit	WBENREDC
120	Whether care provider receives the Child Care Benefit to reduce the cost - Family day care	Not applicable Centre receives the child care benefit Centre does not receive the child care benefit Don't know if the centre receives the child care benefit	WBENREDD
121	Whether care provider receives the Child Care Benefit to reduce the cost - Occasional care	Not applicable Centre receives the child care benefit Centre does not receive the child care benefit Don't know if the centre receives the child care benefit	WBENREDE
122	Whether care provider receives the Child Care Benefit to reduce the cost - Preschool	Not applicable Centre receives the child care benefit Centre does not receive the child care benefit Don't know if the centre receives the child care benefit	WBENREDF
123	Whether care provider receives the Child Care Benefit to reduce the cost - Other formal care	Not applicable Centre receives the child care benefit Centre does not receive the child care benefit Don't know if the centre receives the child care benefit	WBENREDG
124	Whether claimed or intended to claim Child Care Benefit for formal care costs	Not applicable Claimed or intended to claim Not claimed, did not intend to claim	WCLMCSTA

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
125	Whether claimed or intended to claim Child Care Benefit for informal care costs	Not applicable Claimed or intended to claim Not claimed or did not intend to claim	CLMCSTA
126	Main reason Child Care Benefit not claimed - Before and/or after school care	Not applicable Carer/centre not eligible Not aware Not worth the effort Income too high Fees too low Centre receives other government funding Care not work related Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Other	RFCRNCA
127	Main reason Child Care Benefit not claimed - Long day care	Not applicable Carer/centre not eligible Not aware Not worth the effort Income too high Fees too low Centre receives other government funding Care not work related Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Other	RFCRNCB
128	Main reason Child Care Benefit not claimed - Family day care	Not applicable Carer/centre not eligible Not aware Not worth the effort Income too high Fees too low Centre receives other government funding Care not work related Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Other	RFCRNCC

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<i>Data Item</i>			<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
<i>no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	
129	Main reason Child Care Benefit not claimed - Occasional care	Not applicable Carer/centre not eligible Not aware Not worth the effort Income too high Fees too low Centre receives other government funding Care not work related Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Other	RFCRNCD
130	Main reason Child Care Benefit not claimed - Preschool	Not applicable Carer/centre not eligible Not aware Not worth the effort Income too high Fees too low Centre receives other government funding Care not work related Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Other	RFCRNCE
131	Main reason Child Care Benefit not claimed - Other formal care	Not applicable Carer/centre not eligible Not aware Not worth the effort Income too high Fees too low Centre receives other government funding Care not work related Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Other	RFCRNCF

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
132	Main reason Child Care Benefit not claimed - Informal care	Not applicable Carer/centre not eligible Not aware Not worth the effort Income too high Fees too low Centre receives other government funding Care not work related Receives other government assistance/child care assistance Other	MRCLMCCB
133	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
134	Location of before and/or after school care	Not applicable At school At child care centre Other	LOCBASC
135	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
136	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
137	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Cost	Not applicable Cost	ARCLDCCA
138	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Availability	Not applicable or not collected Availability	ARCLDCCB

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
139	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation	ARCLDCCC
140	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Quality/reputation of educational program	Not applicable Quality/reputation of educational program	ARCLDCCD
141	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Quality/reputation of care	Not applicable or not collected Quality/reputation of care	ARCLDCCE
142	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Close to home	Not applicable Close to home	ARCLDCCF
143	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	ARCLDCCG
144	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	ARCLDCCH
145	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	ARCLDCCI
146	All reasons for choosing a long day care centre - Other	Not applicable or not collected Other	ARCLDCCJ

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
147	Main reason for choosing a long day care centre	Not applicable Cost Availability Hours of operation Quality/reputation of educational program Quality/reputation of care 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	MAINLDCC
148	If long day care service is located where would be most suited	Not applicable Long day care service is located where would be most suited Long day care service is not located where would be most suited	LDLOCSUT
149	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
150	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Cost	Not applicable Cost	LDRSNPRA
151	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Availability	Not applicable Availability	LDRSNPRB
152	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation	LDRSNPRC
153	All reasons for not using preferred location of Long Day Care Centre - Quality	Not applicable Quality	LDRSNPRD

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
154	All reasons for not using preferred location of long day care centre - Other	Not applicable Other	LDRSNPRE
155	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Cost	Not applicable Cost	ARPRESCA
156	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Availability	Not applicable Availability	ARPRESCB
157	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Hours of operation	Not applicable Hours of operation	ARPRESCC
158	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Quality/reputation of educational program	Not applicable Quality/reputation of educational program	ARPRESCD
159	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Quality/reputation of care	Not applicable Quality/reputation of care	ARPRESC E
160	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to home	Not applicable Close to home	ARPRESCF
161	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	Not applicable Close to own/spouse's/partner's work	ARPRESCG
162	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	ARPRESCH
163	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	ARPRESCI

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
164	All reasons for choosing a preschool - Other	Not applicable Other	ARPRESCJ
165	Main reason for choosing a preschool	Not applicable Cost Availability Hours of operation Quality/reputation of educational program Quality/reputation of care 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	MAINPRSC
166	Whether vacation care program required in last 12 months	Not applicable Parent would have liked child to attend vacation care Parent did not want child to attend vacation care	WPATVACA
167	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
168	Number of weekdays of care - Long day care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSF2
169	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</i>			<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
<i>no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	
170	Number of weekdays of care - Occasional care	Not used	WDAYSF4
		One weekday	
		Two weekdays	
		Three weekdays	
		Four weekdays	
		Five weekdays	
		Weekends only	
171	Number of weekdays of care - Preschool	Not used	WDAYSF5
		One weekday	
		Two weekdays	
		Three weekdays	
		Four weekdays	
		Five weekdays	
		Weekends only	
172	Number of weekdays of care - Other formal care	Not used	WDAYSF6
		One weekday	
		Two weekdays	
		Three weekdays	
		Four weekdays	
		Five weekdays	
		Weekends only	
173	Number of weekdays of care - Grandparents	Not used	WDAYSI1
		One weekday	
		Two weekdays	
		Three weekdays	
		Four weekdays	
		Five weekdays	
		Weekends only	
174	Number of weekdays of care - Brother/sister/step care	Not used	WDAYSI2
		One weekday	
		Two weekdays	
		Three weekdays	
		Four weekdays	
		Five weekdays	
		Weekends only	

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<i>Data Item no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
175	Number of weekdays of care - Other parent not in household	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSI3
176	Number of weekdays of care - Other relative care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSI4
177	Number of weekdays of care - Other people	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYSI5
178	Number of weekdays of care - Total formal care	Not used One weekday Two weekdays Three weekdays Four weekdays Five weekdays Weekends only	WDAYST1
179	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</i>			<i>SASNAME/ IDENTIFIER</i>
<i>no.</i>	<i>Data Item Label</i>	<i>CATEGORIES</i>	
180	Number of weekdays of care - Total informal care	Not used	WDAYST3
		One weekday	
		Two weekdays	
		Three weekdays	
		Four weekdays	
		Five weekdays	
		Weekends only	
181	Arrangements other than care	No other arrangements	OTHERARR
		Self care only	
		Other - scouts, music etc.	
182	Family weight - Note: weights need to be divided by 10,000 before use		FINWTHH
183	Child weight - Note: weights need to be divided by 10,000 before use		FINPRSWT
184	Random household number		_RANDOMID

APPENDIX 2

STANDARD ERRORS

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF CHILD ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	STANDARD ERROR									RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.	Aust.
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	200	150	150	150	140	100	80	120	150	150.0
200	300	230	230	220	210	160	150	170	230	115.0
300	370	300	300	270	270	200	200	210	290	96.7
500	490	410	400	350	360	260	300	270	390	78.0
700	590	500	490	420	430	310	370	320	480	68.6
1,000	710	610	600	510	520	380	460	380	590	59.0
1,500	880	770	750	620	640	460	570	460	740	49.3
2,000	1 020	900	870	720	750	530	650	530	870	43.5
2,500	1 150	1 000	1 000	800	850	600	700	600	1 000	40.0
3,000	1 250	1 150	1 100	900	900	650	750	650	1 100	36.7
3,500	1 350	1 250	1 150	950	1 000	700	800	700	1 200	34.3
4,000	1 450	1 300	1 250	1 000	1 050	750	850	750	1 250	31.3
5,000	1 650	1 500	1 400	1 150	1 200	800	900	800	1 450	29.0
7,000	1 950	1 750	1 650	1 300	1 400	950	1 000	950	1 700	24.3
10,000	2 300	2 100	2 000	1 550	1 650	1 100	1 100	1 100	2 050	20.5
15,000	2 800	2 600	2 400	1 900	1 950	1 300	1 150	1 300	2 500	16.7
20,000	3 250	2 950	2 750	2 150	2 250	1 450	1 200	1 450	2 900	14.5
30,000	3 900	3 550	3 300	2 600	2 650	1 700	1 200	1 700	3 550	11.8
40,000	4 500	4 100	3 750	2 950	3 000	1 900	..	1 900	4 050	10.1
50,000	4 950	4 500	4 150	3 250	3 300	2 100	..	2 100	4 500	9.0
100,000	6 850	6 100	5 550	4 350	4 350	2 650	..	2 700	6 250	6.3
150,000	8 200	7 200	6 550	5 200	5 050	..	..	..	7 500	5.0
200,000	9 300	8 050	7 300	5 850	5 600	..	..	..	8 500	4.3
300,000	11 100	9 450	8 500	6 850	6 450	..	..	..	10 150	3.4
500,000	13 850	11 450	10 250	..	..	..	..	..	12 550	2.5
1,000,000	18 500	14 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 650	1.7
2,000,000	24 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 850	1.1
5,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 650	0.6
10,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

T2 STANDARD ERRORS OF FAMILY ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	STANDARD ERROR									RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.	Aust.
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	200	150	150	150	140	100	80	120	140	140
200	300	230	230	220	210	160	150	170	210	105
300	370	300	300	270	270	200	200	210	270	90
500	490	410	400	350	360	260	300	270	360	72
700	590	500	490	420	430	310	370	320	430	61
1,000	710	610	600	510	520	380	460	380	530	53
1,500	880	770	750	620	640	460	570	460	650	43
2,000	1 020	900	870	720	750	530	650	530	760	38
2,500	1 150	1 000	1 000	800	850	600	700	600	850	34
3,000	1 250	1 150	1 100	900	900	650	750	650	950	32
3,500	1 350	1 250	1 150	950	1 000	700	800	700	1 000	29
4,000	1 450	1 300	1 250	1 000	1 050	750	850	750	1 100	28
5,000	1 650	1 500	1 400	1 150	1 200	800	900	800	1 200	24
7,000	1 950	1 750	1 650	1 300	1 400	950	1 000	950	1 450	21
10,000	2 300	2 100	2 000	1 550	1 650	1 100	1 100	1 100	1 700	17
15,000	2 800	2 600	2 400	1 900	1 950	1 300	1 150	1 300	2 100	14
20,000	3 250	2 950	2 750	2 150	2 250	1 450	1 200	1 450	2 400	12
30,000	3 900	3 550	3 300	2 600	2 650	1 700	1 200	1 700	2 850	10
40,000	4 500	4 100	3 750	2 950	3 000	1 900	..	1 900	3 250	8
50,000	4 950	4 500	4 150	3 250	3 300	2 100	..	2 100	3 600	7
100,000	6 850	6 100	5 550	4 350	4 350	2 650	..	2 700	4 850	5
150,000	8 200	7 200	6 550	5 200	5 050	..	..	..	5 700	4
200,000	9 300	8 050	7 300	5 850	5 600	..	..	..	6 400	3
300,000	11 100	9 450	8 500	6 850	6 450	..	..	..	7 550	3
500,000	13 850	11 450	10 250	9 150	2
1,000,000	18 500	14 600	11 800	1
2,000,000	15 000	1
5,000,000
10,000,000

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GLOSSARY

Additional formal care	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.
Approved care	Care provided in a service which has been approved to receive Child Care Benefit payments on the parents' behalf. Most long day care, family day care, before and/or after school care, vacation and some in -home and occasional care providers are approved child care services.
Area of usual residence	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.
Before and/or after school care program	A type of formal care available to school-aged children before and/or after school hours.
Brother/sister care	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.
Child Care Benefit (CCB)	The Child Care Benefit, formerly Childcare Assistance and Childcare Rebate, is a payment to help families with their child care costs. It is funded by the Department of Family and Community Services and paid through the Family Assistance Office.
Children	All children under 12 years of age in scope for the survey.
Cost of care	Net amount paid by parents for a child to attend care. Where the CCB was claimed directly by the parents, the CCB amount in the reference week, is subtracted from the total cost.
Couple family	A family based on two persons who are in a registered or de facto marriage and who are usually resident in the same household. The family may include any number of dependents, non-dependents and other related individuals. It is not necessary for a parent-child relationship to be formed, thus a couple family can consist of a couple without children present in the household.
Family	Two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering; and who are usually resident in the same household. The basis of a family is formed by identifying the presence of a couple relationship, lone parent- child relationship or other blood relationship. Some households will, therefore, contain more than one family.
Family day care	A type of formal care offered in private homes by registered carers, available for a full day or part day to children of all ages.
Family type	The differentiation of families based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-child relationships, child dependency relationships or other blood relationships, in that order of preference.
Father	The natural, adopted or step father of the child, or the male legal guardian of the child, or the spouse or de facto partner of the mother. The father must be resident in the same household as the child.
Formal care	Regulated care away from the child's home. The main types of formal care are before and/or after school care, long day care, family day care, occasional care and preschool.

Full-time/part-time workers	<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>
Grandparent care	Informal care by the child's grandmother or grandfather.
Hours of care	Number of hours a child attended child care in the reference week.
Hours worked	Number of hours actually worked by the child's parent(s) in the reference week.
Income	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, other transfers from other households, scholarships, profit or loss from unincorporated business or partnership and investment income.
Informal care	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.
Long day care centre	Regulated, centre-based care which is available to children between birth and school age for the full day or part day. Centres are usually open for most of the year.
Median	The value which divides the population into two equal parts, one falling below the value and one above.
Mother	The natural, adopted or step mother of the child, the female legal guardian of the child, or the spouse or de facto partner of the father. The mother must be resident in the same household as the child.
Occasional care	Regulated care which is generally available to children between birth and school age for short periods of time, for example to allow parents to shop, attend appointments, or to take brief breaks from parenting.
One parent family	<p>A family consisting of a lone parent with at least one dependent or non-dependent child (regardless of age) who is also usually resident in the household.</p> <p>Examples of one parent families include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ a 25-year-old parent with dependent children; and ■ an 80-year-old parent living with a 50-year-old child.
Other formal care	Any type of formal care other than before and/or after school care, long day care, family day care, occasional care and preschool.
Other person care	Informal care by people who are not related to the child such as family friends, babysitters, nannies or neighbours.
Other relative care	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, 'in-laws' who are not grandparents of the child and other relatives such as aunt, uncle or cousin.
Preschool	Educational and developmental programmes for children in the year (or in some jurisdictions, two years) before they begin full-time primary education.
Reason used care/reason required additional formal care	<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>Beneficial for child reasons</i> include good for child and preparation for school.</p>

Registered care	Care provided by nannies, grandparents, relatives or friends who are registered with the Family Assistance Office. It can also include care provided by private preschools, kindergartens, some occasional care centres and some outside school hours care services.
Vacation care	A service provided to school children during the school holidays.
Work arrangements	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).

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