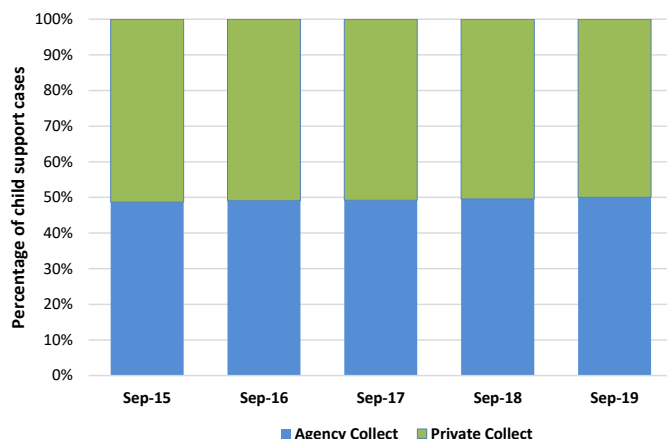
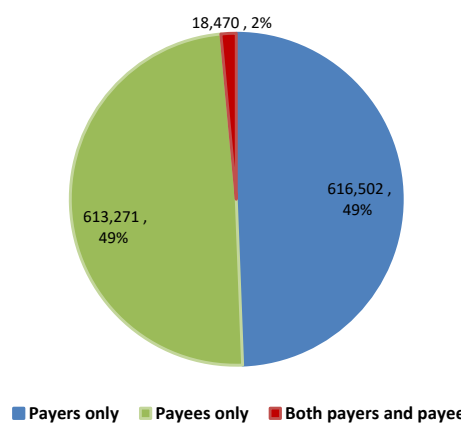


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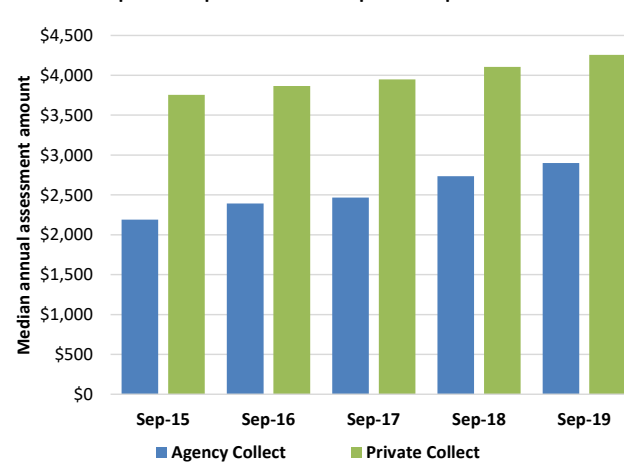
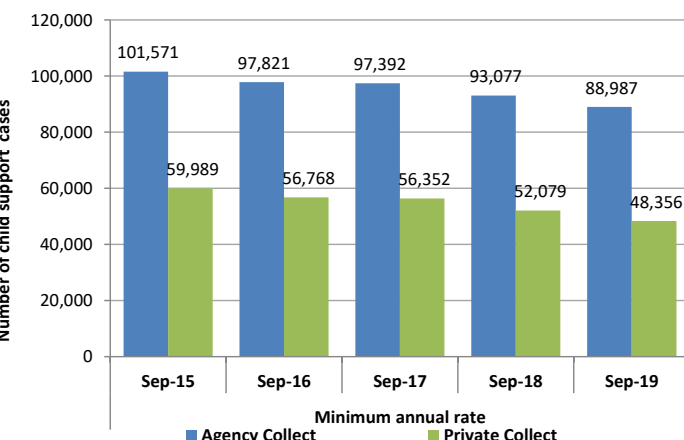
About Child Support	Number of active child support cases, parents and children, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019								Percentage of child support cases by collection method, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019					Number of payers and payees, September quarter 2019			
Child Support is a Private transfer between separated parents for the support of their child.	Quick Facts		Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Change Sep-15 to Sep-19	Change Sep-18 to Sep-19	 <p>Percentage of child support cases</p> <p>Sep-15 Sep-16 Sep-17 Sep-18 Sep-19</p> <p>■ Agency Collect ■ Private Collect</p>					 <p>■ Payers only ■ Payees only ■ Both payers and payees</p>		
The objective of the Child Support Scheme is to ensure that: - parents share in the costs of supporting their children according to their capacity, - adequate support is available to all children not living with both parents, - Commonwealth involvement and expenditure is limited to the minimum necessary for ensuring children's needs are met, - work incentives for both parents to participate in the labour force are not impaired, and - the overall arrangements are non-intrusive to personal privacy and are simple, flexible and efficient.	Active Cases	Agency Collect	346,853	345,285	344,160	343,432	342,486	-1.3%	-0.3%								
		Private Collect	365,805	358,289	355,326	348,945	341,863	-6.5%	-2.0%								
		Total	712,658	703,574	699,486	692,377	684,349	-4.0%	-1.2%								
	Parents/ carers *	Agency Collect	648,705	646,293	644,657	643,529	642,090	-1.0%	-0.2%								
		Private Collect	713,470	698,812	692,673	679,840	665,865	-6.7%	-2.1%								
		Total*	1,299,067	1,283,252	1,275,598	1,262,466	1,248,243	-3.9%	-1.1%								
	Children ¹	Agency Collect	506,426	505,596	505,989	507,063	507,097	0.1%	0.0%								
		Private Collect	585,326	574,780	571,858	561,075	549,669	-6.1%	-2.0%								
		Total	1,091,752	1,080,376	1,077,847	1,068,138	1,056,766	-3.2%	-1.1%								
	Payers	Male	573,319	564,219	559,432	551,222	543,051	-5.3%	-1.5%								
		Female	71,121	71,420	71,436	71,544	71,401	0.4%	-0.2%								
		Total**	660,848	652,588	648,854	642,183	634,972	-3.9%	-1.1%								
	Payees	Male	70,461	70,583	70,434	70,327	69,876	-0.8%	-0.6%								
		Female	573,234	565,438	561,138	552,849	544,243	-5.1%	-1.6%								
		Total**	657,286	649,406	645,599	638,979	631,741	-3.9%	-1.1%								
	* A parent can be in both collection methods for different children. Therefore, the components won't add to total. ** Total includes payers and payees with no gender recorded.								In the September quarter 2019, child support cases with a liability being collected Privately made up 50% of the active case load, the remaining 50% are collected by Services Australia.								

Parents by collection method and care arrangements, September quarter 2019 ²				
Amount of Care	Agency Collect		Private Collect	
	Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)	234,509	1,703	192,338	2,991
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)	64,201	380	89,909	986
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)	26,284	26,480	50,038	50,115
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)	381	64,192	990	89,960
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)	1,658	234,941	2,960	192,852
The majority (around two-thirds) of payees have care of their child support child for at least 314 nights a year, whereas the majority (around two-thirds) of payers have care for less than 51 nights a year. Around 12% of child support parents have shared care arrangements. The number of Private Collect parents with a shared care arrangement is around double that of Agency Collect cases.				

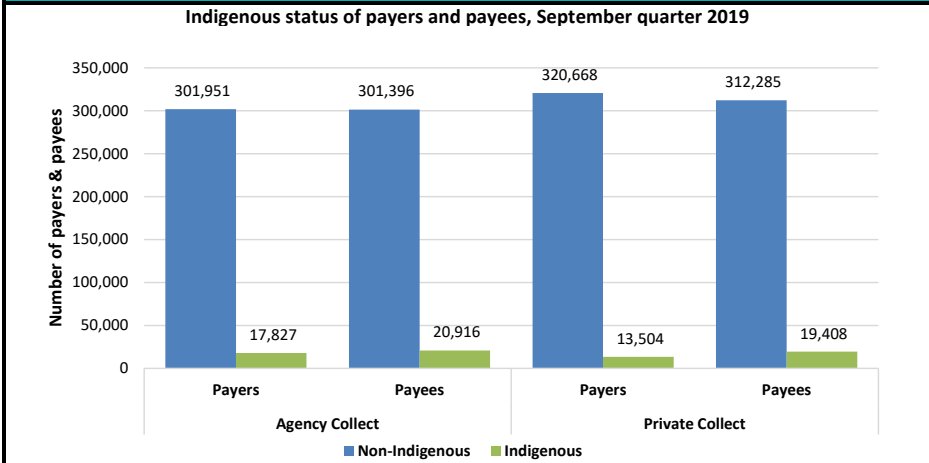
Median adjusted taxable income by payers and payees, September quarter 2019	
Payee	\$27,145
Payer	\$50,076

Payer and payee median adjusted taxable income, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019									
Payer					Payee				
Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19
Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect
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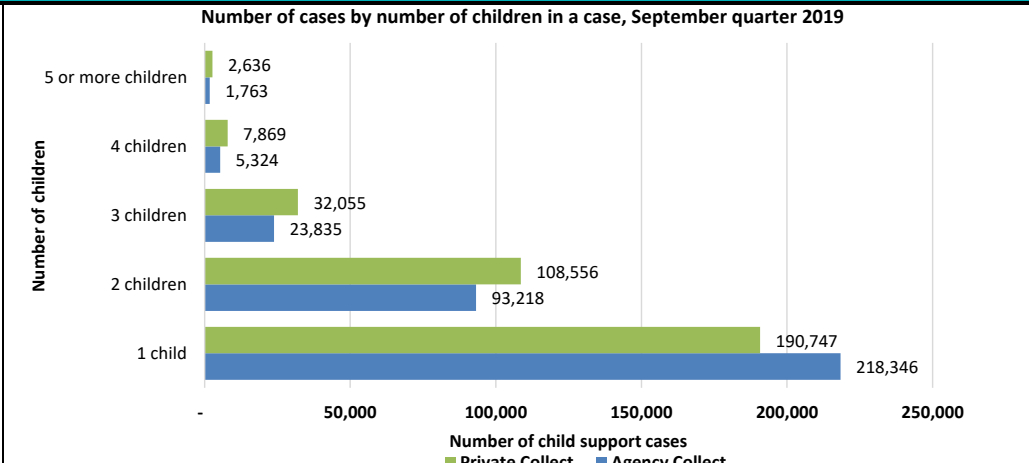
In the September quarter 2019, median adjusted taxable income for payers in Private Collect cases is around \$5,600 higher than for payers in Agency Collect cases. Median adjusted taxable income for payees in Private Collect cases is around \$1,400 higher than for payees in Agency Collect cases.

Median annual assessment, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019		Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019						Minimum annual rate, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019		Number of child support cases by the annual rate payable, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019					
Median annual assessment amount		Income type	Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Number of child support cases		Annual rate range	Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19
		Declared taxable income	503,141	492,705	497,045	489,286	479,920								
		Default or derived income	129,331	134,928	131,161	134,409	134,486								
		Estimated income	33,301	30,638	25,579	23,763	25,403								
		No income details	995	964	993	941	787								
		Total ***	660,848	652,588	648,854	642,183	634,972								
		*** Payers in multiple cases can have different income for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.													
Declared taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority of payers in active cases (around 76%) from September 2015 to September 2019 and the proportion has remained stable over this period.															

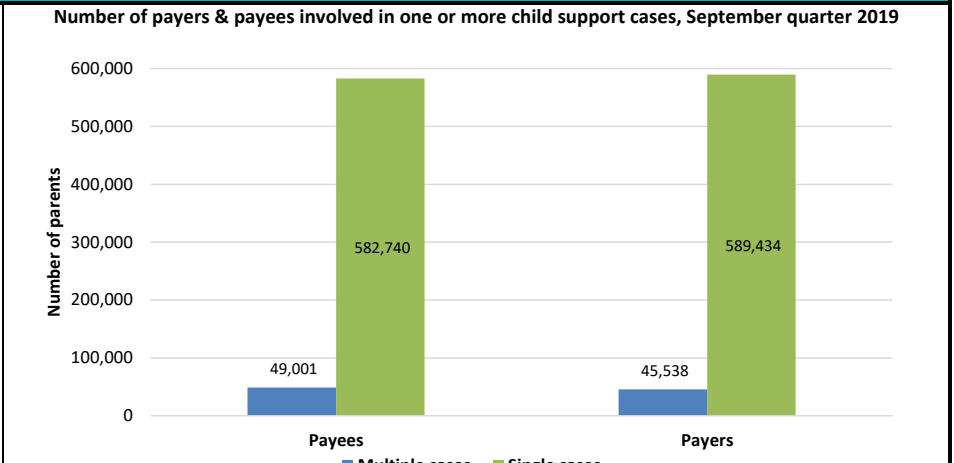
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Around 6% of payees identify as Indigenous for both Agency Collect and Private Collect. Nearly 6% of payers in Agency Collect cases identify as Indigenous, compared to 4% of payers in Private Collect cases.



The majority of both Agency Collect and Private Collect cases involve one child. Cases involving two or more children are more likely to be Private Collect cases.

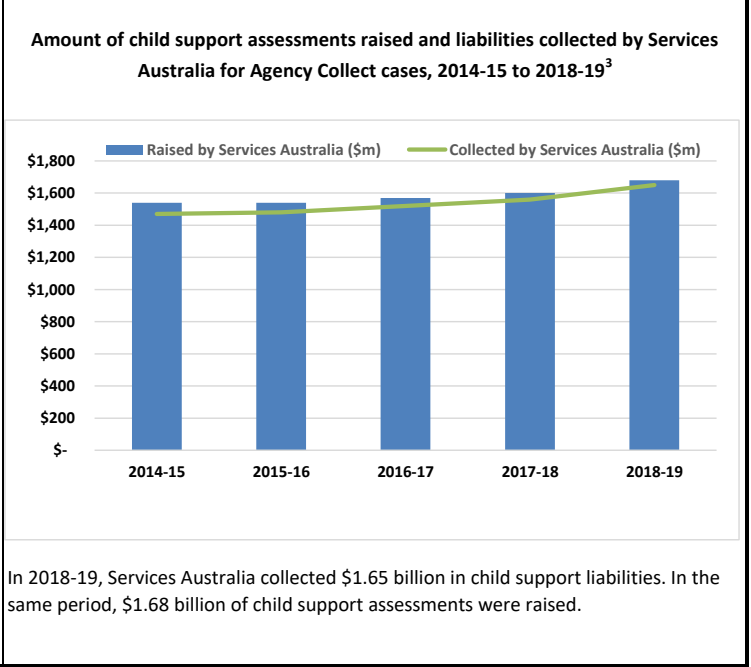
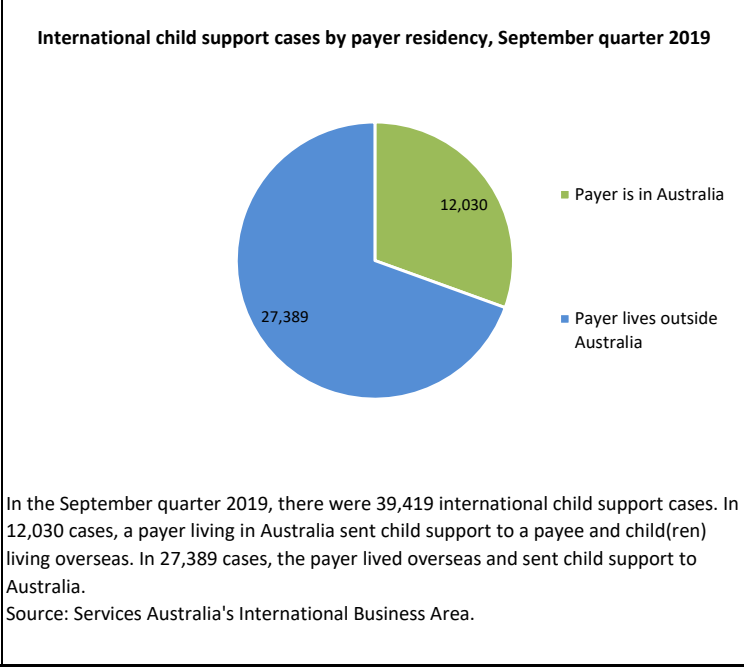
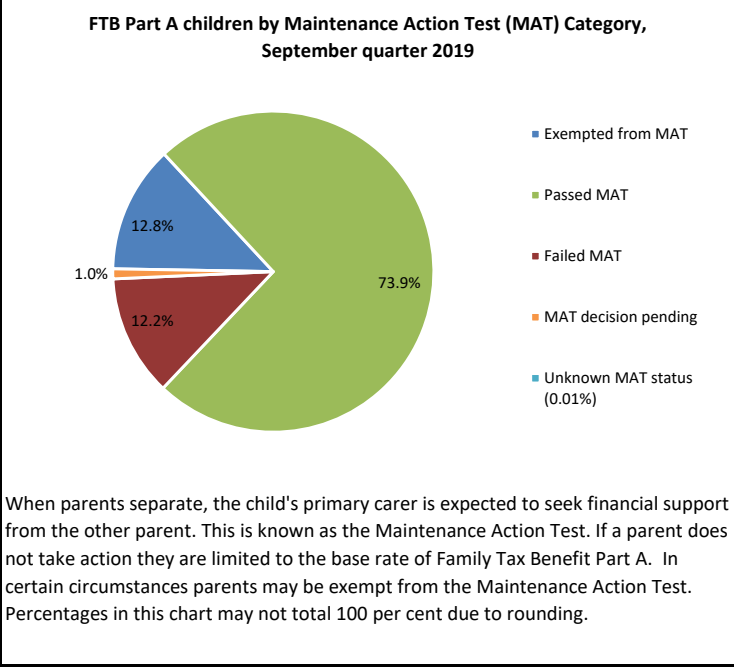


45,538 payers (7.2%) and 49,001 payees (7.8%) had more than one active case in the September quarter 2019.

Number of children by age, September quarter 2015 to September quarter 2019 ****					
		Child age category (years)			
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over
Private Collect	Sep-15	117,969	172,882	178,517	115,958
	Sep-16	113,012	169,590	177,184	114,993
	Sep-17	109,841	168,181	180,811	113,024
	Sep-18	103,598	163,791	182,429	111,251
	Sep-19	96,981	159,688	183,727	109,271
Agency Collect	Sep-15	61,495	140,789	177,169	126,971
	Sep-16	60,289	140,776	178,605	125,925
	Sep-17	58,702	140,057	182,655	124,575
	Sep-18	57,079	139,862	186,877	123,245
	Sep-19	55,555	138,595	190,603	122,341

**** There are children with missing age values. Therefore, row totals for a quarter may not match with the child population shown elsewhere.

Agency Collect cases have a smaller number of children aged 0-4 years and a larger number involving 15 years and over, compared to Private Collect cases.



Source:
Services Australia's Child Support Extract Data (CSED) unless stated otherwise. Data is based on the relationship case count, excludes spousal maintenance cases, and includes Agency Collect and Private Collect cases. These figures may not align with those published elsewhere, due to different reporting methodologies.

Notes:
1. The number of children includes child support children only and excludes other dependent children.
2. The data excludes 6,312 children in 3,462 cases for whom payer and payee care details cannot be determined (e.g. data invalid as it exceeds 365 care nights combined). As the care levels that payers and payees have for different children may vary, a payer or payee may be counted in more than one care level category.
3. This figure includes child support received by Services Australia in the financial year for liabilities raised in previous years. The percentage collected for assessments raised in the financial year is not able to be calculated based on current available data.