About Child Support

Child Support is a private transfer of money between separated parents for the support of their children

The objective of the Child Support Scheme is to ensure that:

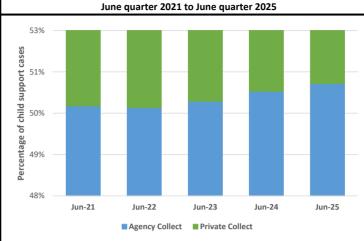
- parents share in the costs of supporting their children according to their financial capacities
- adequate financial support is available to all children not living with both parents
- Commonwealth involvement and expenditure is limited to the minimum amount necessary for ensuring children's needs are met
- work incentives for both parents to participate in the labour force are not impaired,
- the overall arrangements are non-intrusive to personal privacy and are simple, flexible and efficient.

Cases that involve parents/carers who transfer child support through Services Australia are referred to as Agency Collect Cases. Cases that transfer child support by private arrangement are referred to as Private Collect Cases.

Child Support Program - June quarter 2025 Number of active child support cases, parents and children, June quarter 2021 to June quarter 2025

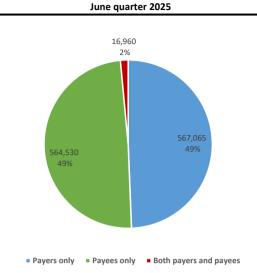
Quick Facts		Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Change Jun- 21 to Jun- 25	Change Jun- 24 to Jun- 25	
Active Cases	Agency Collect	338,365	332,020	328,045	322,665	319,370	-5.6%	-1.0%	
	Private Collect	335,395	329,850	323,420	314,260	308,165	-8.1%	-1.9%	
	Total	673,760	661,870	651,465	636,930	627,535	-6.9%	-1.5%	
Parents/ carers	Agency Collect	635,000	623,695	616,650	607,335	601,925	-5.2%	-0.9%	
	Private Collect	652,885	641,700	629,005	611,180	599,350	-8.2%	-1.9%	
	Total*	1,229,410	1,207,395	1,188,815	1,164,095	1,148,555	-6.6%	-1.3%	
	Agency Collect	501,705	491,185	484,095	474,995	469,555	-6.4%	-1.1%	
Children ¹	Private Collect	539,335	529,585	517,930	501,690	491,110	-8.9%	-2.1%	
	Total	1,041,040	1,020,770	1,002,030	976,685	960,665	-7.7%	-1.6%	
Payers	Male	528,925	515,900	505,910	492,955	484,215	-8.5%	-1.8%	
	Female	72,640	73,015	71,405	69,915	68,960	-5.1%	-1.4%	
	Total**	625,565	614,770	604,995	592,025	584,025	-6.6%	-1.4%	
Payees	Male	70,740	70,925	69,030	67,350	66,045	-6.6%	-1.9%	
	Female	529,480	516,470	506,690	493,995	485,225	-8.4%	-1.8%	
	Total**	622,315	611,505	601,960	589,505	581,490	-6.6%	-1.4%	lr

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.



Percentage of child support cases by collection method,

-1.4% In the June quarter 2025, child support cases with a liability being collected privately made up 49.1% of the active caseload, the remaining 50.9% are collected by Services Australia.



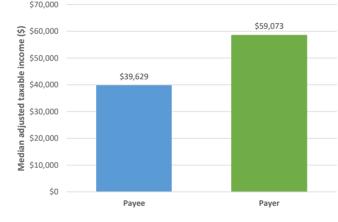
Number of payers and payees,

Payment by collection method and care arrangements, June quarter 2025²

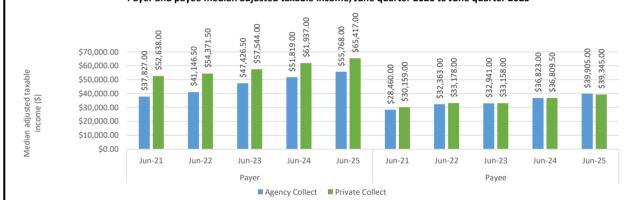
	Agency	Collect	Private Collect		
Amount of Care	Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees	
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)	215,460	1,675	167,230	2,860	
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)	57,225	350	77,555	925	
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)	32,175	32,330	55,965	55,950	
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)	350	57,400	920	77,560	
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)	1.465	215.230	2.830	167.995	

The majority (around two-thirds) of payees have care of their child support child for more than 313 nights a year, whereas the majority (around two-thirds) of payers have care for less than 52 nights a year. Around 14% of child support parents have shared care arrangements.



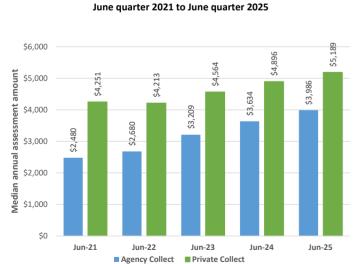


Payer and payee median adjusted taxable income, June quarter 2021 to June quarter 2025



In the June quarter 2025, the median adjusted taxable income for payers in Private Collect cases is \$9,649 higher than for payers in Agency Collect cases. For the same quarter, the median adjusted taxable income for payees in Private Collect cases is \$560 lower than for payees in Agency Collect

Median annual assessment,



The median annual assessment for Private Collect cases is much higher than for Agency Collect cases across all quarters.

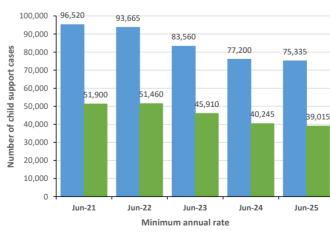
Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, June guarter 2021 to June guarter 2025

Income type	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25
Tax assessment	386,665	395,265	402,085	388,710	379,095
Provisional income	185,320	173,915	163,710	163,795	165,200
Estimated income	53,855	45,675	39,180	39,530	39,815
Post-separation income	40	115	180	190	185
No income details	670	685	595	520	510
Total ***	625,565	614,770	604,995	592,025	584,025

*** Payers in multiple cases can have different incomes for different cases. herefore, the components won't add to total.

Assessed taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority of In the June quarter 2025, more than 114,300 cases were assessed at the Minimum payers in active cases, increasing from 61.8% in June 2021 to 64.9% in June 2025. Tax returns are not due to be lodged until 31 October (if self-lodged) or later if lodged by a tax agent.

Minimum annual rate, June quarter 2021 to June quarter 2025



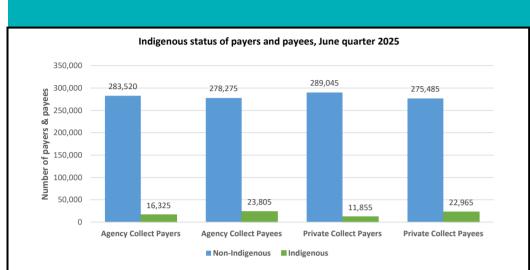
Annual Rate, which equates to around \$10.3 per week. Over 65% of these were agency cases. The proportion of all cases that were assessed at the Minimal Annual Rate has reduced from over 22% in the June 2021 to 18% in June 2025 quarter.

■ Agency Collect ■ Private Collect

Number of child support cases by annual rate payable, lune quarter 2021 to lune quarter 2029

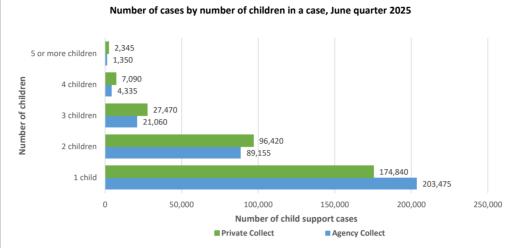
June quarter 2021 to June quarter 2025							
Annual rate range	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25		
\$0 - \$500	205,885	199,995	178,745	140,430	42,255		
\$501 - \$2,000	73,115	71,310	69,725	87,850	176,865		
\$2,001 - \$5,000	130,100	126,030	124,670	118,685	107,410		
\$5,001 - \$10,000	143,790	139,515	142,955	143,090	144,995		
\$10,001 - \$20,000	94,450	96,835	103,205	110,360	114,475		
\$20,001 +	26,420	28,185	32,165	36,515	41,535		
Total	673,760	661,870	651,465	636,930	627,535		
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The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has dropped significantly, from 22.0% in June 2024 to 6.7% in June 2025, with a corresponding increase in active cases with an annual liability of \$501-\$2000 from 13.8% to 28.2% over the same period. This reflects that the Minimum Annual Rate for child support periods beginning in 2025 increased to \$534 from \$519 in 2024. However, the proportion of cases below the \$2,000 liability level has been stable over time, from 35.8% in June 2024 to 34.9% in June 2025.

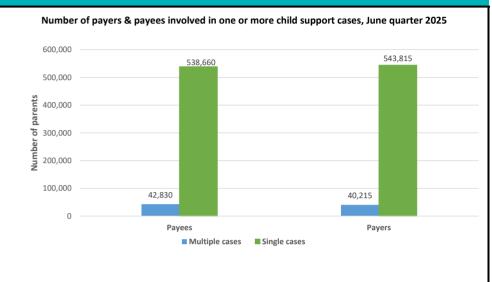


In Agency Collect cases, almost 8% of payees and over 5% of payers identify as Indigenous. In Private Collect cases, 7.7% of payees and almost 4% of payers identify as indigenous.

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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.



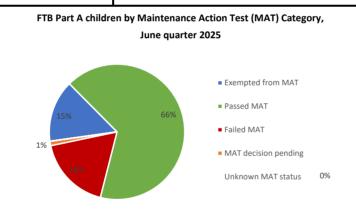
42,830 payees (7.4%) and 40,215 payers (6.9%) had a more than one active case in the June quarter 2025.

Number of children by age, June quarter 2021 to June quarter 2025****

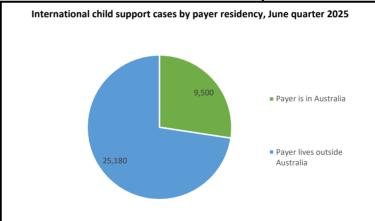
	Child age category (years)					
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over	
	Mar-21	90,870	154,325	183,600	110,540	
	Mar-22	87,215	149,295	181,025	112,050	
Private Collect	Mar-23	83,440	143,670	176,910	113,910	
	Mar-24	78,470	137,165	172,920	113,140	
	Mar-25	77,330	132,335	169,245	112,195	
	Mar-21	52,030	135,605	191,690	122,380	
	Mar-22	48,195	129,820	188,355	124,815	
Agency Collect	Mar-23	45,605	124,965	185,765	127,760	
	Mar-24	42,950	120,570	182,410	129,060	
	Mar-25	42,350	117,370	180,940	128,895	

**** 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.

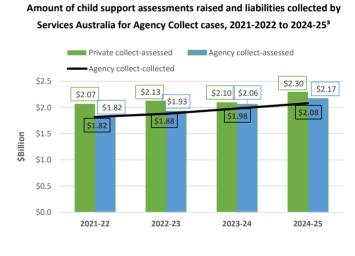


Under the Family Tax Benefit Part A Maintenance Action Test, separated parents must take reasonable action to obtain child support to be eligible for more than the base rate of FTB Part A. In certain circumstances parents may be exempt from the Maintenance Action Test. Percentages in this chart may not total 100 per cent due to rounding.



In the June quarter 2025, there were 34,685 international child support cases. In 9,500 cases, a payer living in Australia sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living overseas. In 25,180 cases, the payer lived overseas and sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living in Australia.

Source: Services Australia - International Business Area.



In 2024-25, Services Australia collected around \$2.08 billion in child support liabilities. In the same period, around \$2.17 billion of child assessments were raised in Agency Collect cases.

Source:

Services Australia 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:

- ${\bf 1.}\ The\ number\ of\ children\ includes\ child\ support\ children\ only\ and\ excludes\ other\ dependent\ children$
- 2. The data excludes 4,190 children in 2,405 cases for whom payer and payees may be counted in more than one 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.
- 4. To protect individuals' privacy, all cells including any totals and subtotals have been rounded to the nearest 5, values from 1 to 7 are rounded to 5. Zero cells are actual zeros. This may result in non-additivity for some totals. Caution should be taken in re-calculating totals from rounded data, as this may compound the effects of rounding.