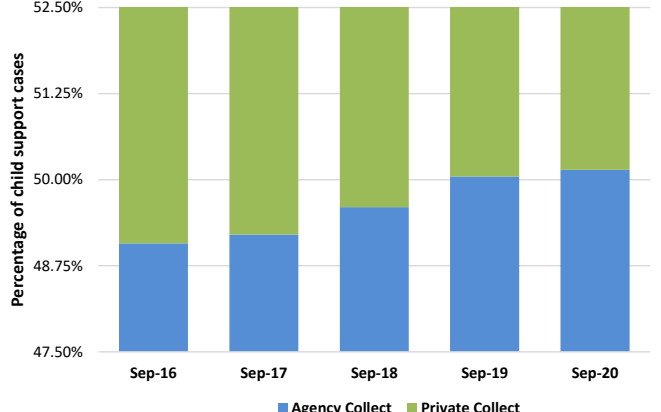
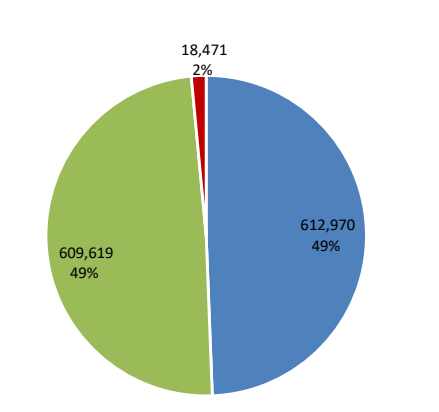


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About Child Support	Number of active child support cases, parents and children, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020								Percentage of child support cases by collection method, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020					Number of payers and payees, September quarter 2020				
Child Support is a private transfer of money between separated parents for the support of their children.	Quick Facts		Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20	Change Sep-16 to Sep-20	Change Sep-19 to Sep-20									
Active Cases			Agency Collect	345,285	344,160	343,432	342,486	341,084	-1.2%									-0.4%
			Private Collect	358,289	355,326	348,945	341,863	339,124	-5.3%									-0.8%
	Total	703,574	699,486	692,377	684,349	680,208	-3.3%	-0.6%										
Parents/ carers	Agency Collect	646,293	644,657	643,529	642,090	639,886	-1.0%	-0.3%										
	Private Collect	698,812	692,673	679,840	665,865	660,192	-5.5%	-0.9%										
	Total*	1,283,252	1,275,598	1,262,466	1,248,243	1,241,060	-3.3%	-0.6%										
Children ¹	Agency Collect	505,596	505,989	507,063	507,097	506,138	0.1%	-0.2%										
	Private Collect	574,780	571,858	561,075	549,669	545,981	-5.0%	-0.7%										
	Total	1,080,376	1,077,847	1,068,138	1,056,766	1,052,119	-2.6%	-0.4%										
Payers	Male	564,219	559,432	551,222	543,051	536,404	-4.9%	-1.2%										
	Female	71,420	71,436	71,544	71,401	72,705	1.8%	1.8%										
	Total**	652,588	648,854	642,183	634,972	631,441	-3.2%	-0.6%										
Payees	Male	70,583	70,434	70,327	69,876	71,075	0.7%	1.7%										
	Female	565,438	561,138	552,849	544,243	536,966	-5.0%	-1.3%										
	Total**	649,406	645,599	638,979	631,741	628,090	-3.3%	-0.6%										
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.	* 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 2020, 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.					■ Payers only ■ Payees only ■ Both payers and payees				

Parents by collection method and care arrangements, September quarter 2020 ²				
Amount of Care	Agency Collect		Private Collect	
	Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)	232,323	1,604	187,995	3,059
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)	63,985	411	89,372	1,012
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)	27,759	27,914	52,961	53,011
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)	411	64,015	1,014	89,394
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)	1,572	232,566	3,029	188,549
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. Over 12% of child support parents have shared care arrangements. The number of parents with a shared care arrangement who use Private Collect is around double that of parents who use Agency Collect.				

Median adjusted taxable income by payers and payees, September quarter 2020	
Median adjusted taxable income (\$)	
\$60,000	
\$50,000	\$51,099
\$40,000	
\$30,000	\$29,675
\$20,000	
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\$0	
	Payee
	Payer

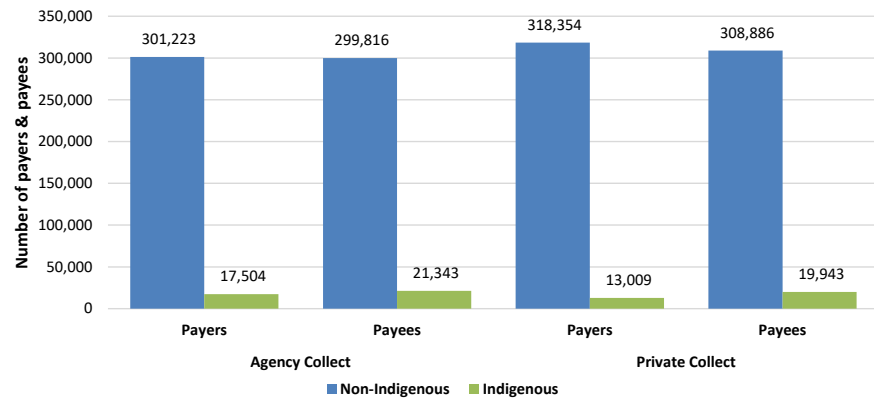
Payer and payee median adjusted taxable income, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020										
Median adjusted taxable income (\$)	Payer					Payee				
	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20
	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect	Agency Collect
	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect	Private Collect

In the September quarter 2020, the median adjusted taxable income for payers in Private Collect cases is around \$8,300 higher than for payers in Agency Collect cases. For the same quarter, the median adjusted taxable income for payees in Private Collect cases is around \$1,200 higher than for payees in Agency Collect cases.

Median annual assessment, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020		Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020						Minimum annual rate, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020		Number of child support cases by the annual rate payable, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020						
<p>Median annual assessment amount</p> <p>Sep-16 Sep-17 Sep-18 Sep-19 Sep-20</p> <p>Agency Collect Private Collect</p>	Income type	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20	<p>Number of child support cases</p> <p>Sep-16 Sep-17 Sep-18 Sep-19 Sep-20</p> <p>Agency Collect Private Collect</p>	Annual rate range	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20			
	Declared taxable income	492,705	497,045	489,286	479,920	472,684		\$0 - \$500	215,882	214,720	202,421	192,077	192,774			
	Default or derived income	134,928	131,161	134,409	134,486	130,290		\$501 - \$2,000	79,169	76,360	75,203	71,932	75,688			
	Estimated income	30,637	25,579	23,763	25,403	33,228		\$2,001 - \$5,000	152,551	149,282	147,770	143,316	138,352			
	No income details	964	993	941	787	730		\$5,001 - \$10,000	150,068	149,814	152,615	155,584	150,793			
	Total ***	652,588	648,854	642,183	634,972	631,441		\$10,001 - \$20,000	84,553	87,441	91,114	96,359	96,432			
	*** Payers in multiple cases can have different income for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.							\$20,001 +	21,351	21,869	23,254	25,081	26,169			
The median annual assessment for Private Collect cases is much higher than for Agency Collect cases across all quarters.		Declared taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority (around 76%) of payers in active cases from September 2016 to September 2020, and the proportion has remained stable over this period.				In the September quarter 2020, more than 138,000 cases were assessed at the Minimum Annual Rate, which equates to around \$8.50 per week. Almost 65% of these were Agency Collect cases. The proportion of all cases that were assessed at the Minimum Annual Rate has reduced from around 22% in the September 2016 quarter to around 20% in the September 2020 quarter.		Total				703,574	699,486	692,377	684,349	680,208
								The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has stayed relatively constant over the five years to September 2020, with over 28% of cases (192,774) having an annual liability of \$0-\$500 in the September quarter 2020.								

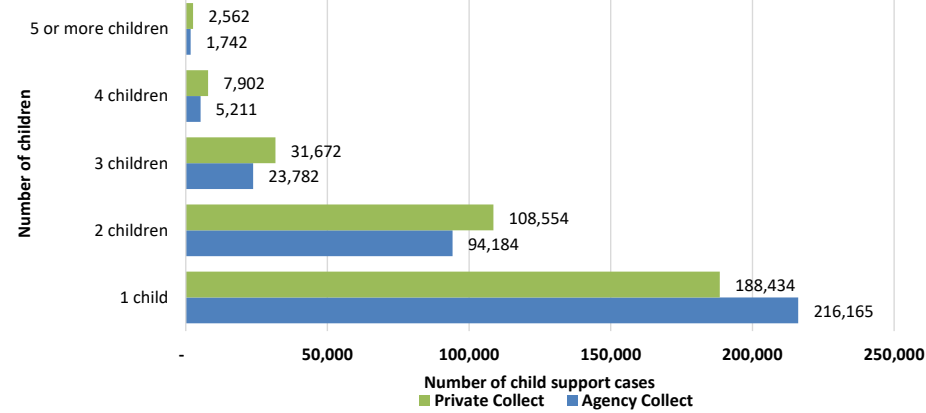
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Indigenous status of payers and payees, September quarter 2020



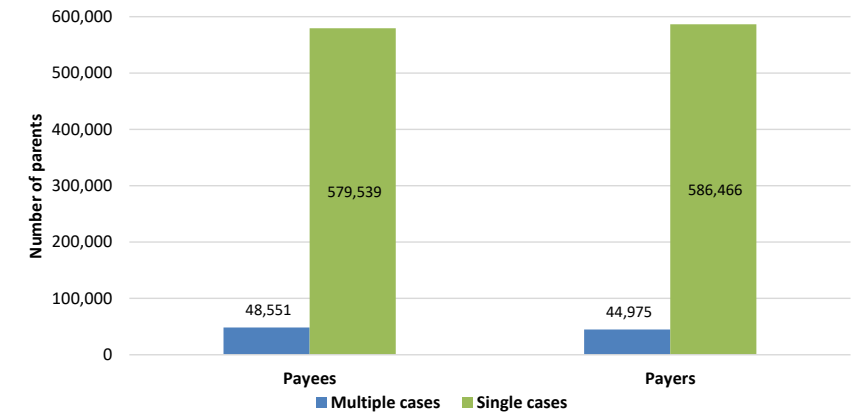
In Agency Collect cases, almost 7% of payees and over 5% of payers identify as Indigenous. In Private Collect cases, over 6% of payees and almost 4% of payers identify as Indigenous.

Number of cases by number of children in a case, September quarter 2020



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.

Number of payers & payees involved in one or more child support cases, September quarter 2020



44,975 payers (7.1%) and 48,551 payees (7.7%) had more than one active case in the September quarter 2020.

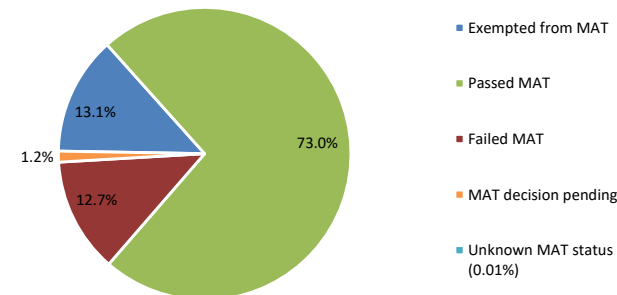
Number of children by age, September quarter 2016 to September quarter 2020 ****

		Child age category (years)			
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over
Private Collect	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
	Sep-20	93,654	156,559	184,778	110,990
Agency Collect	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
	Sep-20	53,125	136,775	192,116	124,116

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

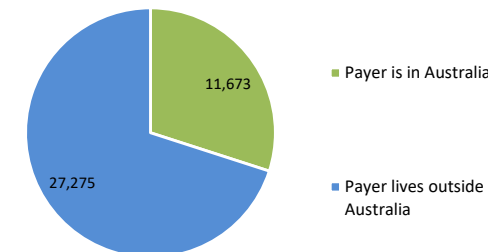
Agency Collect cases have a smaller number of children aged 0-4 years and a larger number involving 15 years and over, compared to Private Collect cases.

FTB Part A children by Maintenance Action Test (MAT) Category, September quarter 2020



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.

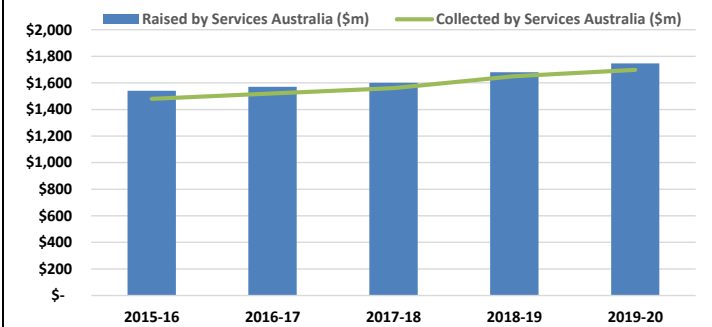
International child support cases by payer residency, September quarter 2020



In the September quarter 2020, there were 38,948 international child support cases. In 11,673 cases, a payer living in Australia sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living overseas. In 27,275 cases, the payer lived overseas and sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living in Australia.

Source: Services Australia's International Business Area.

Amount of child support assessments raised and liabilities collected by Services Australia for Agency Collect cases, 2015-16 to 2019-20³



In 2019-20, Services Australia collected around \$1.70 billion in child support liabilities. In the same period, around \$1.75 billion of child support assessments were raised in Agency 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:

- The number of children includes child support children only and excludes other dependent children.
- The data excludes 4,912 children in 2,722 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 of different children in a case may vary, a payer or payee may be counted in more than one care level category.
- 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.