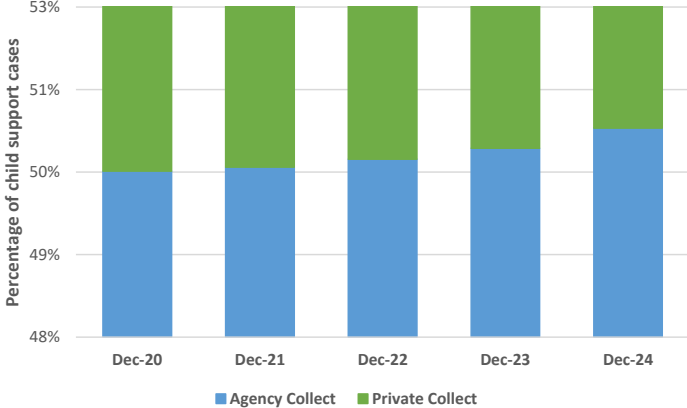
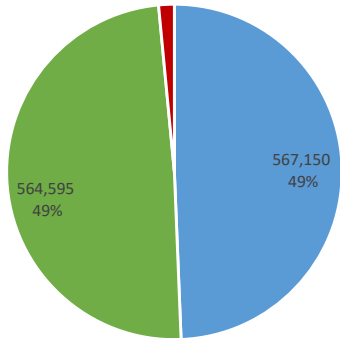
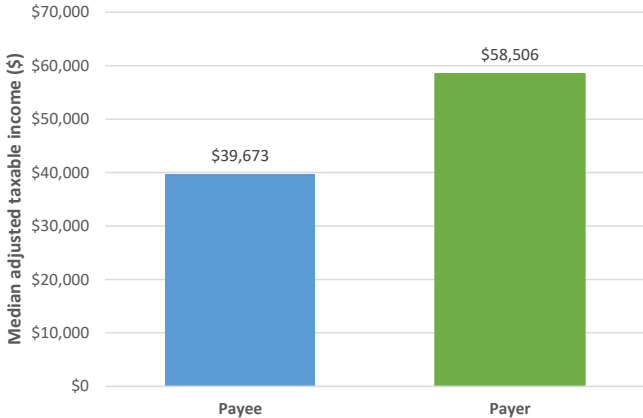
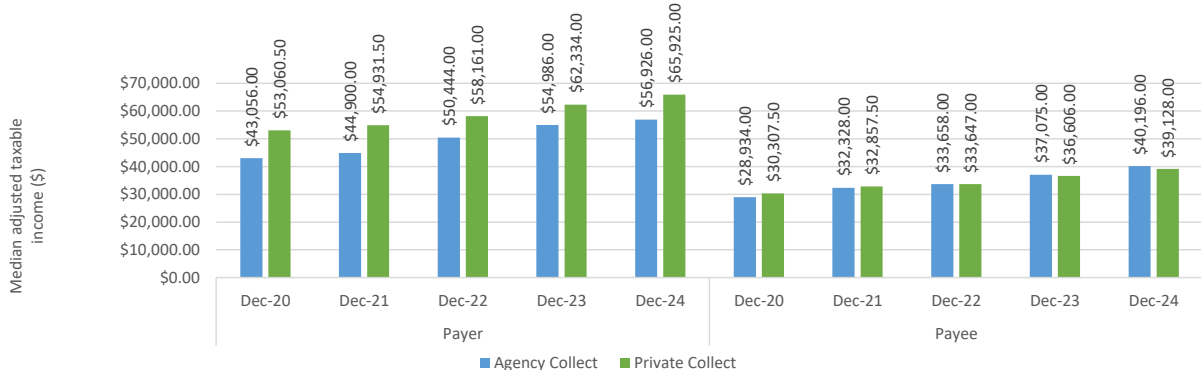
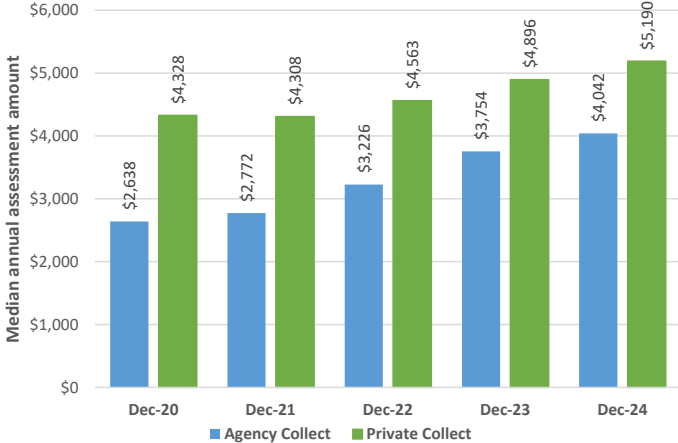
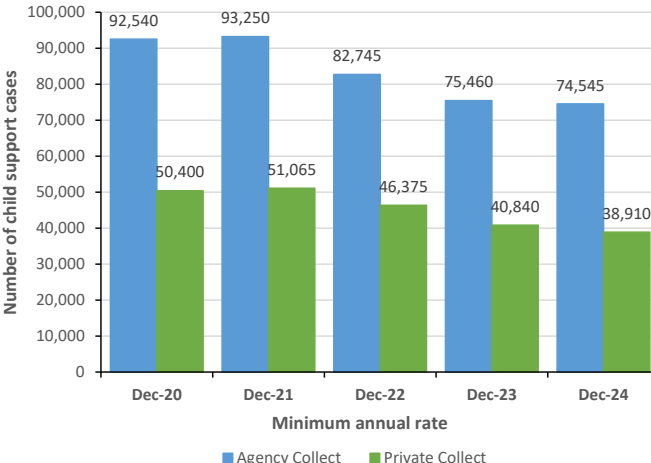
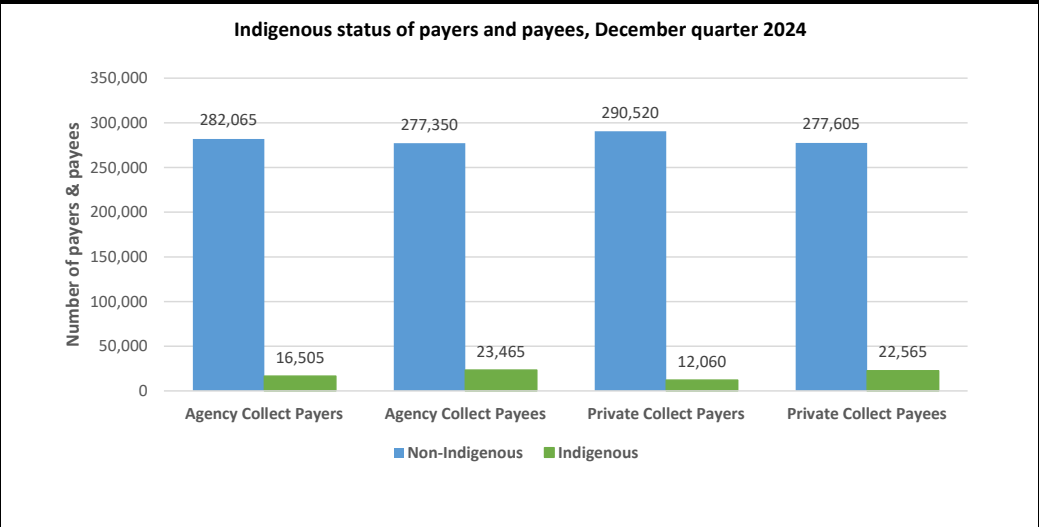
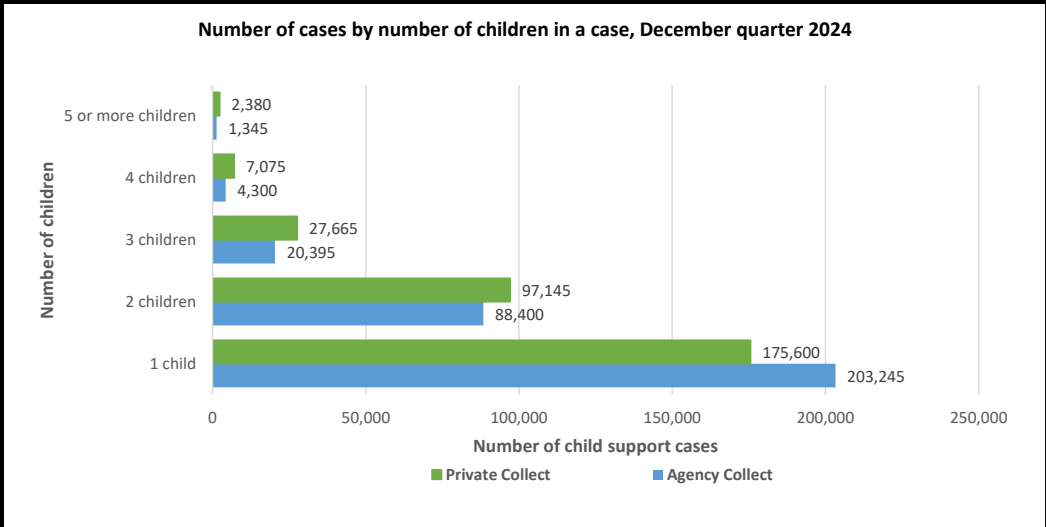


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About Child Support		Number of active child support cases, parents and children, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024								Percentage of child support cases by collection method, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024		Number of payers and payees, December quarter 2024														
<p>Child Support is a private transfer of money between separated parents for the support of their children.</p> <p>The objective of the Child Support Scheme is to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- parents share in the costs of supporting their children according to their financial capacities</li><li>- adequate financial support is available to all children not living with both parents</li><li>- Commonwealth involvement and expenditure is limited to the minimum amount necessary for ensuring children's needs are met</li><li>- work incentives for both parents to participate in the labour force are not impaired, and</li><li>- the overall arrangements are non-intrusive to personal privacy and are simple, flexible and efficient.</li></ul> <p>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.</p>		Quick Facts		Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Change Dec 20 to Dec-24	Change Dec 23 to Dec-24	 <p>In the December quarter 2024, child support cases with a liability being collected privately made up 49.3% of the active caseload, the remaining 50.7% are collected by Services Australia.</p>		 <p>■ Payers only ■ Payees only ■ Both payers and payees</p>													
		Active Cases	Agency Collect	337,295	333,360	327,900	322,920	318,230	-5.7%	-1.5%																
			Private Collect	337,095	332,350	325,335	318,265	309,865	-8.1%	-2.6%																
			Total	674,390	665,710	653,235	641,185	628,090	-6.9%	-2.0%																
		Parents/ carers	Agency Collect	632,995	626,010	616,145	607,360	599,380	-5.3%	-1.3%																
			Private Collect	656,150	646,710	632,785	618,840	602,750	-8.1%	-2.6%																
			Total*	1,230,580	1,214,405	1,191,880	1,170,910	1,148,835	-6.6%	-1.9%																
		Children <sup>1</sup>	Agency Collect	499,835	492,940	484,110	475,325	467,310	-6.5%	-1.7%																
			Private Collect	542,070	534,110	521,085	508,605	494,030	-8.9%	-2.9%																
			Total	1,041,910	1,027,050	1,005,195	983,935	961,335	-7.7%	-2.3%																
Payers	Male	530,790	520,040	508,475	496,865	485,070	-8.6%	-2.4%																		
	Female	72,610	73,195	71,480	70,345	69,290	-4.6%	-1.5%																		
	Total**	626,165	618,135	606,670	595,620	584,240	-6.7%	-1.9%																		
Payees	Male	70,905	71,215	69,180	67,895	66,545	-6.1%	-2.0%																		
	Female	531,445	520,660	509,045	497,850	485,955	-8.6%	-2.4%																		
	Total**	622,860	614,995	603,420	592,945	581,685	-6.6%	-1.9%																		
* 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.																										
Payment by collection method and care arrangements, December quarter 2024 <sup>2</sup>					Median adjusted taxable income by payers and payees, December quarter 2024					Payer and payee median adjusted taxable income, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024																
Amount of Care		Agency Collect		Private Collect																						
		Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees																					
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)		214,410	1,800	167,400	3,065																					
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)		57,785	345	78,880	975																					
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)		31,270	31,395	55,930	55,940																					
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)		345	57,930	975	78,845																					
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)		1,765	214,150	3,040	168,255																					
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.											In the December quarter 2024, the median adjusted taxable income for payers in Private Collect cases is almost \$9,000 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 \$1,000 lower than for payees in Agency Collect cases.															
Median annual assessment, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024						Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024						Minimum annual rate, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024				Number of child support cases by annual rate payable, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024										
 <p>The median annual assessment for Private Collect cases is much higher than for Agency Collect cases across all quarters.</p>						Income type	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	 <p>In the December quarter 2024, more than 113,000 cases were assessed at the Minimum Annual Rate, which equates to around \$10 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 around 21% in the December 2020 quarter to around 18% in the December 2024 quarter.</p>				Annual rate range						Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24
						Tax assessment	358,475	369,225	377,575	362,780	349,980					\$0 - \$500	198,885	198,930	179,095	160,165	52,960					
						Provisional income	226,580	215,010	201,025	205,600	206,455					\$501 - \$2,000	73,600	70,370	68,935	66,140	163,955					
						Estimated income	42,815	35,485	29,355	28,610	29,240					\$2,001 - \$5,000	134,355	128,780	126,040	122,070	111,230					
						Post-separation income	45	115	175	205	185					\$5,001 - \$10,000	147,040	143,060	144,670	145,885	144,985					
						No income details	675	635	615	565	505					\$10,001 - \$20,000	94,680	96,885	103,135	110,850	114,650					
						Total ***	626,165	618,135	606,670	595,620	584,240					\$20,001 +	25,835	27,685	31,360	36,070	40,315					
						*** Payers in multiple cases can have different incomes for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.										Total	674,390	665,710	653,235	641,185	628,090	The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has dropped significantly, from around 25% in December 2023 to 8% in December 2024, with a corresponding increase in active cases with an annual liability of \$501-\$2000 from 10% to 26% over the same period. This reflects that the Minimum Annual Rate for child support periods beginning in 2024 increased to \$519 from \$493 in 2023. However, the proportion of cases below the \$2,000 liability level has been stable over time, from 35% in December 2023 to 34% in December 2024.				
						Assessed taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority of payers in active cases, increasing from 57% in December 2020 to 60% in December 2024. Tax returns are not due to be lodged until 31 October (if self-lodged) or later if lodged by a tax agent.																				

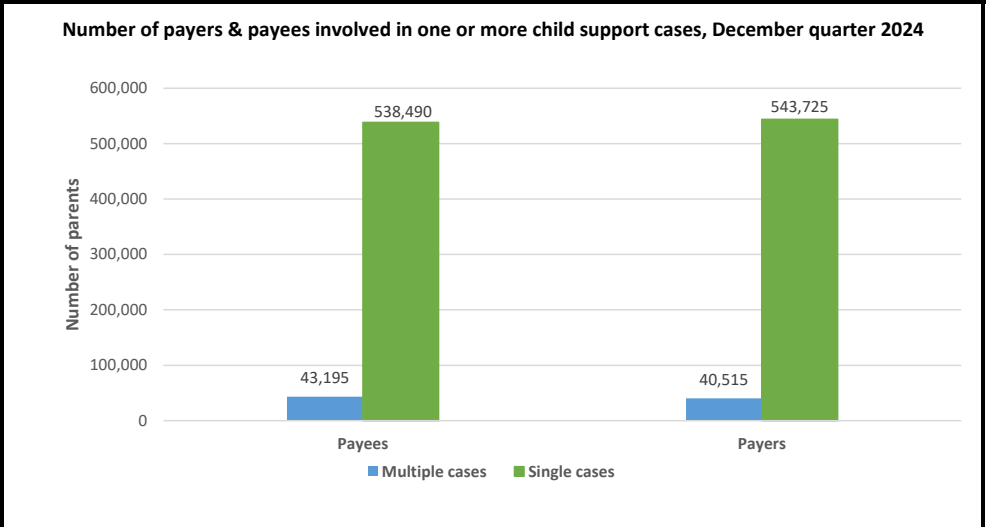
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In Agency Collect cases, almost 8% of payees and over 5% of payers identify as Indigenous. In Private Collect cases, over 7% of payees and 4% of payers identify as indigenous.



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.

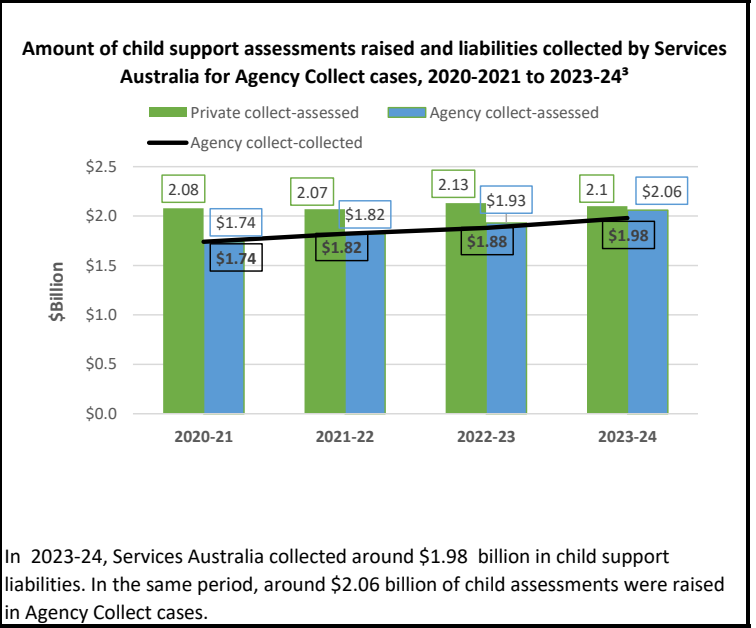
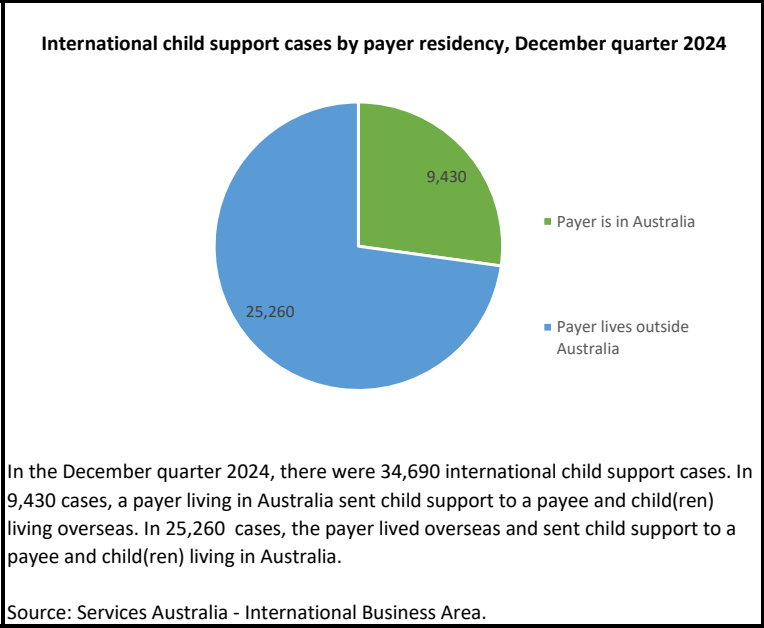
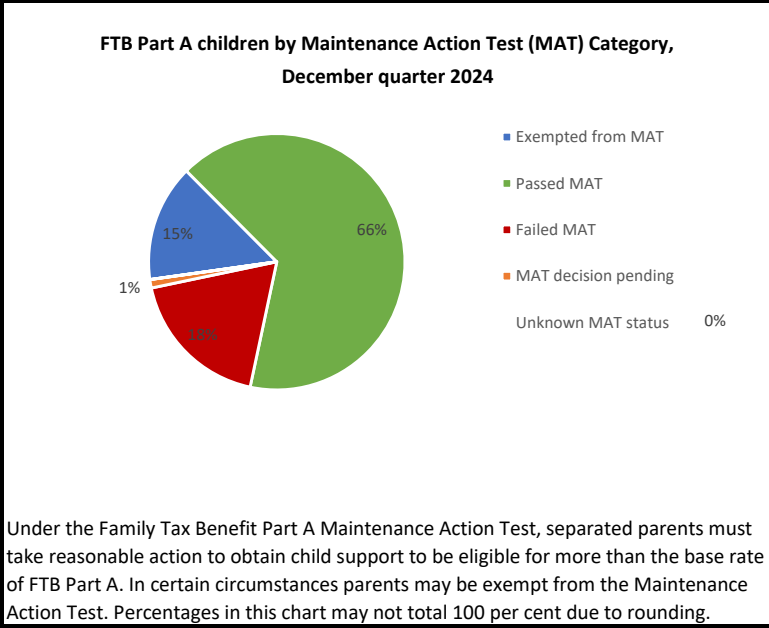


40,515 payers (6.9%) and 43,195 payees (7.4%) had a more than one active case in the December quarter 2024

Number of children by age, December quarter 2020 to December quarter 2024****					
		Child age category (years)			
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over
Private Collect	Dec-20	93,275	156,385	184,830	107,585
	Dec-21	89,675	152,560	182,630	109,240
	Dec-22	85,365	146,120	178,400	111,205
	Dec-23	81,125	140,695	174,625	112,160
	Dec-24	76,900	134,555	171,230	111,340
Agency Collect	Dec-20	52,940	136,730	191,960	118,205
	Dec-21	49,855	132,790	190,075	120,220
	Dec-22	46,715	127,350	186,850	123,190
	Dec-23	44,060	122,270	183,815	125,185
	Dec-24	41,835	118,165	181,445	125,865

\*\*\*\* 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 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 4,285 children in 2,475 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 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.
  - 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.