
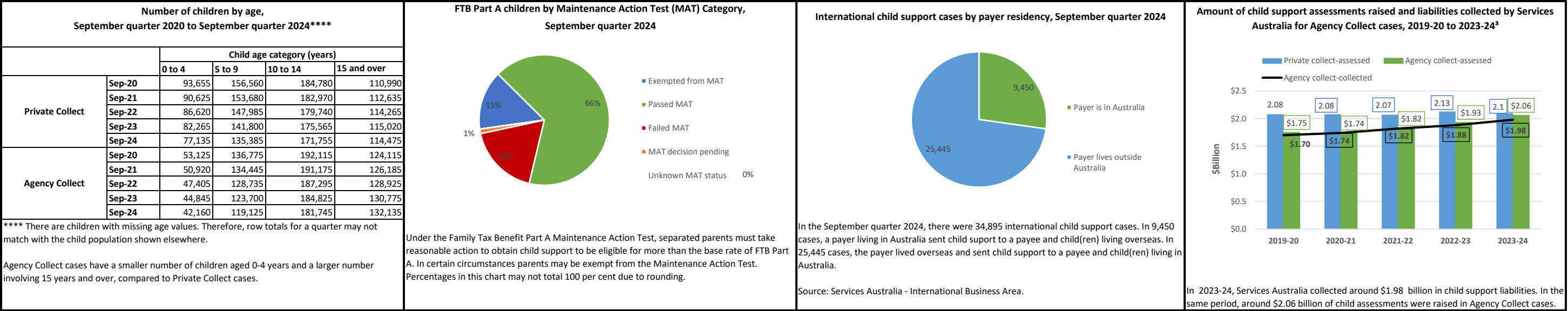
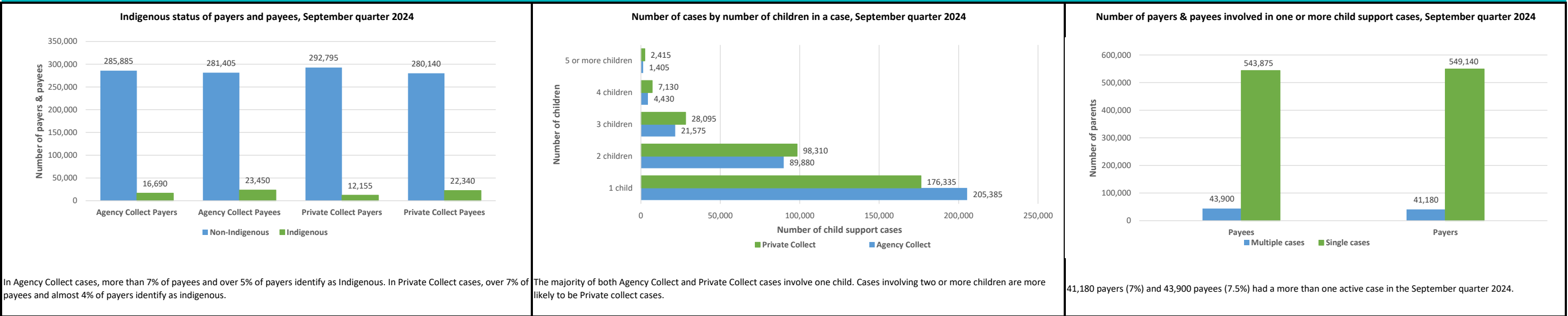


Child Support Program - September quarter 2024																							
About Child Support		Number of active child support cases, parents and children, September quarter 2020 to September quarter 2024							Percentage of child support cases by collection method, September quarter 2020 to September quarter 2024		Number of payers and payees, September quarter 2024												
		Quick Facts		Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24					Change Sep-20 to Sep-24	Change Sep-23 to Sep-24									
<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">- 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, and- the overall arrangements are non-intrusive to personal privacy and are simple, flexible and efficient. <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>		Active Cases	Agency Collect	341,085	338,970	332,775	327,945	322,675	-5.4%	-1.6%													
			Private Collect	339,125	335,435	329,225	321,395	312,280	-7.9%	-2.8%													
			Total	680,210	674,400	662,000	649,335	634,955	-6.7%	-2.2%													
		Parents/ carers	Agency Collect	639,885	636,195	625,010	616,540	607,425	-5.1%	-1.5%													
			Private Collect	660,190	652,870	640,395	624,965	607,430	-8.0%	-2.8%													
			Total*	1,241,060	1,230,135	1,207,360	1,185,260	1,160,775	-6.5%	-2.1%													
		Children ¹	Agency Collect	506,140	502,725	492,360	484,145	475,165	-6.1%	-1.9%													
			Private Collect	545,980	539,910	528,610	514,650	498,750	-8.7%	-3.1%													
			Total	1,052,120	1,042,635	1,020,975	998,790	973,915	-7.4%	-2.5%													
		Payers	Male	536,405	527,955	515,595	503,795	490,880	-8.5%	-2.6%													
			Female	72,705	73,615	72,630	71,205	69,985	-3.7%	-1.7%													
			Total**	631,440	626,085	614,640	603,035	590,320	-6.5%	-2.1%													
		Payees	Male	71,075	71,625	70,470	68,795	67,305	-5.3%	-2.2%													
			Female	536,965	528,510	516,145	504,640	491,875	-8.4%	-2.5%													
			Total**	628,090	622,865	611,365	600,175	587,775	-6.4%	-2.1%													
		* A parent can be in both collection methods for different children. Therefore, the components won't add to total.							Despite the 6.7% reduction in child support active cases from September 2020 to September 2024, the percentage of Agency Collect has been increased 0.7% (from 50.1% in September 2020 to 50.8% in September 2024).														
		** Total includes payers and payees with no gender recorded.																					
		Payment by collection method and care arrangements, September quarter 2024 ²				Median adjusted taxable income by payers and payees, September quarter 2024				Payer and payee median adjusted taxable income, September quarter 2020 to September quarter 2024													
		Agency Collect		Private Collect																			
Amount of Care	Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees																			
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)	218,150	1,655	169,045	2,860																			
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)	58,505	365	79,735	920																			
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)	31,290	31,435	55,990	56,000																			
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)	365	58,640	925	79,720																			
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)	1,630	217,895	2,835	169,900																			
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 15% of child support parents have shared care arrangements.																							
Median annual assessment, September quarter 2020 to September quarter 2024				Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, September quarter 2020 to September quarter 2024					Minimum annual rate, September quarter 2020 to September quarter 2024			Number of child support cases by annual rate payable, September quarter 2020 to September quarter 2024											
				Income type					Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24	Annual rate range					Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
				Tax assessment					373,760	383,660	386,615	380,395	367,775	\$0 - \$500					192,775	197,100	180,630	162,555	78,455
				Provisional income					228,375	219,250	209,830	205,795	204,725	\$501 - \$2,000					75,690	70,965	69,510	66,760	139,045
				Estimated income					33,230	27,260	21,970	21,100	21,920	\$2,001 - \$5,000					138,350	132,110	128,650	124,325	114,355
				Post-separation income					40	75	130	180	150	\$5,001 - \$10,000					150,795	147,360	147,470	148,295	146,790
				No income details					690	650	635	595	515	\$10,001 - \$20,000					96,430	98,785	104,460	111,480	116,055
				Total ***					631,440	626,085	614,640	603,035	590,320	\$20,001 +					26,170	28,085	31,280	35,920	40,250
									631,440	626,085	614,640	603,035	590,320						680,210	674,400	662,000	649,335	634,955
				*** Payers in multiple cases can have different incomes for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.					In the September quarter 2024, more than 112,000 cases were assessed at the Minimum Annual Rate. More than 65% of these were agency cases. The proportion of all cases that were assessed at the Minimal Annual Rate has reduced from around 20.3% in the September 2020 quarter to around 17.7% in the September 2024 quarter.			The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has dropped significantly, from 28% in September 2020 to 12% in September 2024. However, the proportion for below \$2,000 liability has been stabilised, from 39% in September 2020 to 34% in September 2024.											
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 62.3%) of payers in active cases for September 2024 and the proportion has remained stable over last few years.																			

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Source: Services Australia Child Support Evaluation 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 4,265 children in 2,455 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.

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